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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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OF THE
Grand Commandery of Massachusetts
and Rhode Island
AT ITS
One Hundred and Third Semi-Annual Conclave
MAY 27, 1909

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was opened in Free Masons Hall, in the city of Providence, R.I., on Thursday, May 27, A.D. 1909, at 10.45 o'clock, A.M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

R..E..Sir	JOHN D. MUNROE	Grand Commander
V..E..Sir	WALTER W. BURNHAM, Deputy	Grand Commander
E..Sir	J. ALBERT BLAKE	Grand Generalissimo
E..Sir	WILLIAM W. JOHNSON	Grand Junior Warden
E..Sir	Rev. GEORGE L. PERIN, D.D.	Grand Prelate
R..E..Sir	HERBERT F. MORSE	Grand Treasurer
E..Sir	BENJAMIN W. ROWELL	Grand Recorder
E..Sir	WALTER F. MEDDING	Grand Standard Bearer
E..Sir	FRED I. DANA	Grand Sword Bearer
E..Sir	JUDSON C. MACKENZIE	Grand Warder
E..Sir	CHARLES E. PIERCE	Grand Captain of Guards
E..Sir	HENRY H. LITCHFIELD	} Grand Lecturers
E..Sir	WILLIAM H. EMERSON	
E..Sir	HENRY A. YENETCHI	
E..Sir	WILLIAM J. BOLTON	} Grand Sentinel
E..Sir	WILLIAM E. WILCOX	

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

M. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D.D., LL.D.
 R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders.
 R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn.
 R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule.
 R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse.
 R. E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey.
 R. E. Sir Dana J. Flanders.
 R. E. Sir E. Bentley Young.
 R. E. Sir Charles I. Litchfield.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS PRESENT

M. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D.D., LL.D., Grand
 Master of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A.
 Em. Sir John C. Chase of Plantagnet Commandery, No. 1,
 of North Carolina.
 Em. Sir John Lilly of St. Elmo Commandery, No. 14, of
 Lambertville, N.J.

The Grand Recorder reported that a Constitutional number of subordinates was represented, whereupon the R. E. Grand Commander proceeded to open the Grand Commandery in ample form, assisted by the other Grand Officers and members present, the Sir Knights being led in their devotion by Em. Sir Rev. George L. Perin, D.D., LL.D., Grand Prelate, after which the R. E. Grand Commander declared that the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was duly opened and ready for the dispatch of business.

RECORDS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ANNUAL
CONCLAVE

On motion the reading of the records of the Annual Conclave of 1908 were dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were approved as printed.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GRAND ENCAMP-
MENT OF THE U.S.A.

The R. E. Grand Commander read the following, which was ordered spread upon the records:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.

OFFICE OF THE MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER,
 PROVIDENCE, R.I., March 25, 1909.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Knights
 Templar of the United States of America, and to all Sir
 Knights of our Obedience:*

IN SADNESS, GREETING:

With grief for his death and gladness for his life I make this official announcement:

SIR KNIGHT

REUBEN HEDLEY LLOYD

Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, died at his home in San Francisco, Cal., March 10, 1909.

Our beloved brother, prominent in civic life as well as in Freemasonry and in the Templar Body, had a long career of activity, honor and usefulness among his fellow men. Endowed with a strong constitution, a noble ambition and a purpose to work for the sake of others as well as himself, he gave diligent attention to business and to the interests and duties which devolved upon him in his profession. His health was apparently unimpaired until just previous to the great earthquake and fire which brought so much of suffering and loss to San Francisco in 1906. About that time there were intimations of the dread disease which caused his death. His strong will, however, asserted itself, and in the weeks and months just following the great calamity he rendered large service to the stricken city. He responded with intelligent zeal and characteristic ardor to the new demands which under changed conditions presented themselves to the citizen and philanthropist. He also continued to apply himself assiduously to the duties

of his profession. But during the summer of 1908 he was forced to withdraw for the most part from those activities and interests to which his life had been devoted. From that time he gradually failed in bodily strength, until, peacefully, he fell asleep, to wake no more on earth.

His funeral was solemnized on Friday, March twelfth, at the Albert Pike Memorial Temple, under the auspices of California Commandery, No. 1, of which Frater Lloyd had been a member during the whole of his Templar life. The services were impressive — the Templar Ritual being read and appropriate music rendered. A distinguished gathering of prominent lawyers and citizens, Masons and Sir Knights, personal friends and long time associates, testified to the esteem in which the deceased was deservedly held. The services were presided over by Sir J. George Leibold, Eminent Commander of California Commandery, assisted by the Prelate and other officers of that body. The eulogy was delivered by Sir Samuel M. Shortridge. There was an imposing procession which escorted the body of the honored Sir Knight to its final resting place in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

The Masonic and Templar career of our illustrious Frater may be briefly summarized as follows:

Reuben Hedley Lloyd was made a Master Mason in Oriental Lodge, San Francisco, in 1873. In 1891 he was elected and installed Worshipful Master of that Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in California Chapter in 1873. He never held office in the Chapter, but always maintained an unflagging interest in that department of ancient Freemasonry. He was connected with the Scottish Rite, being a member of San Francisco Consistory, No. 1, and had attained the thirty-third degree.

In January, 1874, he was created a Knight Templar in California Commandery, No. 1, at San Francisco. He became Eminent Commander of that body in 1881, and served as such for two years. Sir Knight Lloyd was also elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of California in 1881. He was advanced to the several higher offices in the Grand Body, and in 1886 was elected Grand Commander, holding that office for two years.

At the Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment held at St. Louis in 1886, Sir Knight Lloyd was elected Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment. He was advanced by regular promotion and at the Triennial Conclave of 1898 held at Pittsburg, he was elected Grand Master. His administration during the Triennial period was marked by his legal acumen, his great knowledge of Masonic and Templar jurisprudence, and that enthusiasm of effort which was always a part of his

nature. He had a breadth of outlook, yet was most attentive to matters of detail. He was ever courteous and gentle, yet not lacking in those qualities which make for strength of character and positive action.

Reuben Hedley Lloyd was born in Ireland in 1835. Coming to this country as a child, with his devoted mother, he lived for a time in the State of Ohio. In 1853 he made his home in San Francisco, where he has since resided. For more than forty years he gave his unremitting efforts to the advancement of the interests of his adopted city and State. He was always a student and in the face of many obstacles and under some limitations and adverse conditions he acquired much of the learning of the schools and became so proficient in the study of law as to be appointed chief clerk in the office of McDougall and Sharp and was subsequently admitted as a partner. In 1860 the firm was reorganized as Sharp and Lloyd, and continued until the death of Mr. Sharp. In 1875 the firm of Lloyd and Wood was established and has achieved distinction throughout the country. Mr. Lloyd's professional attainments gave him a position among the great leaders of the California bar. He was learned in the law, quick in perception of the points involved in any case in which he became interested, faithful to the clients whom he consented to serve, gifted in speech, forceful in argument, and incapable of being swerved from the course which he had marked out as the path of duty.

"He by the touch of men was best inspired

While the apt word and gesture came unbid."

The demands of his profession were so great as to forbid his acceptance of positions of judicial trust or political honors as these were from time to time proffered him. He was an able and successful lawyer of commanding influence, and in the practice of his profession, as well as by the exercise of his business ability, he acquired a large property. He was never married. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Mary Hoadley, with whom he spent the closing years of his life in the beautiful home built in San Francisco after the great fire of 1906. He is also survived by two brothers and by other kindred of remote degree.

Frater Lloyd had a strong social nature, and was ardently attached to relatives and friends. He was a devoted son, a kind brother, generous and self-sacrificing in his efforts to promote the welfare of those dear to him as well as to render

aid to organized charities and philanthropic work. He was a lover of nature and found much delight in the study and companionship of all that gives to mother earth her glory and her grace. He was likewise a lover of art, a connoisseur and collector of curios, with a special fondness for the art treasures taken from the great storehouse of the past. In the satisfaction of his artistic tastes he not only brought large enjoyment to himself but contributed to the education and delight of others.

Thus this man of high legal reputation, a public-spirited citizen, loyal to the best ideals of manly service and excellence, lived and wrought. He was a courteous gentleman, a faithful friend. The remembrance of his fidelity to truth and the best interests of humanity is a precious legacy to those who now mourn his passing from earth.

Past Grand Master Lloyd has worthily earned a place of assured honor in the annals of Grand Encampment and in the Templar world. His is an heroic figure as it presents itself among the leaders of our beloved Order. In the realm of Templary he illustrated nobly and well the qualities of his strong and attractive personality. His was a distinctive and distinguished service in all the official positions which he held, — an inspiration and an influence for good to Knights Templar everywhere.

It is herewith ordered that this memorial be read at the next regular Conclave of each Grand Commandery after its receipt, and, also, at the next Regular Conclave of each subordinate Commandery directly allegiant to the Grand Encampment, and that the standards of the Order be suitably draped for a period of sixty days.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, this twenty-fifth day of March, A.D. 1909, A.O. 791.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

JOHN A. GEROW,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL]

SEMI-ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE

R.:E.:GRAND COMMANDER JOHN D. MUNROE

Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

It gives me pleasure to welcome you to the duties and privileges of this One Hundred and Third Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I am pleased to be able to report to you that absolute harmony prevails, and that the officers to whom have been entrusted the control of the affairs of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction are all doing loyal and devoted service and maintaining well the best traditions of their predecessors. We are consequently progressing, not only in strength as to numbers and material welfare, but in the conception and the practice of those principles on which our Order was founded.

Among all our gratulations and our pride in our achievements, it is well to pause at times and realize that the grim messenger of death is ever hovering over us, and that many of our dearest and best beloved Fraters are being called to higher duties, much to their gain, but greatly to our loss. It is very proper for us on such occasions to mourn for our loss and to contemplate for our benefit and instruction their achievements, that we may profit thereby. Death has not invaded our official ranks or the roll of our Past Grand Commanders. We have to announce, however, the loss of too many who have served well in the active affairs of our Order.

THE ROLL OF OUR LOSSES

On Wednesday, March 10, 1909, the whole Templar world was called to mourn the loss of one of our greatest leaders. M. Em. Sir REUBEN HEDLEY LLOYD died at his home in San Francisco. The announcement of his death and tribute to his memory by the Most Eminent Grand Master has already been read to you and will become a valuable part of the archives of this Grand Commandery. The story of Sir Knight Lloyd's life and works in Masonry, in Christian Knighthood, in professional and public affairs, is one of the precious heritages which our great leaders have left us for our instruction and our emulation.

Em. Sir HENRY WARING, Past Commander of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery of Fall River, Mass., died at his home in that city September 26, 1908. He was a native of Clitheroe, England, coming to this country with his parents when twelve years of age. He first found employment in the nail mill of the old Fall River Iron Works Co. Later he engaged in the undertaking and furniture business as one of the firm of Waring Brothers, and still later, in 1883, established himself in the undertaking business, in which for twenty years his son, also a Knight Templar, has been associated with him. The symbolic degrees in Freemasonry he received in Mount Hope Lodge of Fall River in 1870, and was its Worshipful Master in 1874, 1875. He was exalted in Fall River Royal Arch Chapter in 1871 and was its Most Excellent High Priest in 1877 and 1878. Of Fall River Council of Royal and Select Masters he became a member in 1875. In Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery of Knights Templars he was Knighted January 31, 1872, and ten years later was its Eminent Commander. Of Em. Sir Knight Waring it can be said he was a loyal friend, a consistent Christian and a true Knight Templar.

Em. Sir ALBERT HARLEIGH KIRKHAM, the Senior Past Commander and oldest member of Springfield Commandery, died at his home in that city December 12, 1908, the result of the

general infirmities of old age, he having reached the age of eighty-four. After completing his education in the public schools of Springfield he engaged in several lines of business, notable being Government Inspector of Small Arms, later Assistant Foreman in the United States Armory; a member of the United States Census Bureau; the Board of Assessors of Springfield, of which he was five years chairman, and in 1890 and 1891 Collector of Statistics of Springfield Manufacturers for the Census Bureau. Sir Knight Kirkham was raised in Hampden Lodge A.F. & A.M., May 4, 1854, and filled several offices therein. In Morning Star Chapter of Royal Arch Masons he was exalted September 10, 1857, and was its High Priest in 1862, and later Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. He was advanced in Springfield Council of Royal and Select Masters in 1859, and installed Thrice Illustrious Master in 1861 and 1862, and subsequently Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council. He was Knighted in Springfield Commandery of Knights Templars August 24, 1859, its Recorder in 1860, and Eminent Commander in 1863. The deceased had been an active member of the South Congregational Church of Springfield, a superintendent of the Sunday School, and deacon of the church. At the time of his death he was deacon emeritus. During his active life he was alert and active, very much of an enthusiast in all work in which he was engaged.

Em. Sir OLIVER DOUGLASS WAY, Past Commander of Winslow Lewis Commandery of Salem, Mass., died at his home in Salem, December 15, 1908, following a short illness. He was born in Gorham, Me., December 17, 1839. His parents soon after moved to Salem, and there he was educated in the public schools. Subsequently he followed the sea for a series of years, taking foreign voyages and becoming second officer. In 1865 he engaged in the leather business, and later in the sale of leather machinery. In all his business relations he was honorable to the highest degree. His word was as good as his bond. He was a loyal and earnest craftsman, having been raised in Essex Lodge, A.F. & A.M., June 20, 1871, and was its Worshipful

Master in 1880, 1881 and 1882. He was a member of Washington Royal Arch Chapter, and its Excellent High Priest in 1886 and 1887. Of Salem Council of Royal and Select Masters he was a member, and Thrice Illustrious Master in 1888 and 1889. In Winslow Lewis Commandery of Knights Templars he was Knighted September 16, 1880. In 1891 and 1892 he was its Eminent Commander, and was always one of the workers in that body. In the service of his adopted city he served in its Common Council from 1876 to 1879, and as an Alderman in 1884, 1886, 1887 and 1888. He was a charter member and director of the Salem Coöperative Bank, and for thirty-three years a member of the Board of Trustees of Salem Hospital.

Em.:Sir SAMUEL BRIGHAM SPOONER, who since the death of Em.:Sir Albert H. Kirkham in December last had been the Senior Past Commander of Springfield Commandery, died in Springfield, Mass., March 29, 1909, in which city he was born November 2, 1830. Em.:Sir Knight Spooner was a well-known, loyal, active and most congenial member of the Masonic fraternity. He was raised in King Solomon Lodge of Woodbury, Conn. He later affiliated with Hampden Lodge of Springfield, Mass., February 5, 1861, dimitting from that Lodge, April 4, 1865, to become a charter member of Roswell Lee Lodge, of which he was Worshipful Master in 1866. He was exalted in Morning Star Royal Arch Chapter, February 3, 1866, and advanced in Springfield Council Royal and Select Masters, February 28, 1866, holding the office of Thrice Illustrious Master in 1877, 1878 and 1879, and again in 1886, 1887 and 1888. In Springfield Commandery of Knights Templars he was Knighted April 2, 1866. In 1868, 1869 and 1870 he was its Eminent Commander. Subsequently, commencing in 1882, he served four years as Junior Warden. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Em.:Sir Knight Spooner had held many important offices. In recognition of his valuable services in the Rite, he was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and enrolled as an honorary member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction at Boston, September 15, 1885. He attended the public schools of

Springfield, and was valedictorian of the class of 1849 in the High School. He graduated from Yale University in 1853, and followed the profession of schoolmaster for several years. He entered public life in 1861, when elected City Clerk and Treasurer, filling those offices until September, 1862, when he resigned to enlist in the 46th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, and was elected and commissioned Captain of Company A, serving with the regiment in North Carolina, and in February, 1863, was promoted to Major of the regiment. July 29, 1863, he was mustered out by reason of expiration of service and returned to Springfield.

Em.:Sir FRANK EUGENE SULLIVAN, Past Commander of William Parkman Commandery of East Boston, died at his home in East Boston, April 6, 1909. He was born in Boston, September 17, 1845, and was educated in the public and Chauncy Hall schools. Though too young to enlist, he went to the front in 1861 with the 1st Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, returning in 1863. For a business pursuit he engaged in the butter and egg business, and was a member of the firm of David Ellis & Co. at the time of his death. He entered the Masonic fraternity January 5, 1867, through the portals of Baalbec Lodge of East Boston. In March, 1870, he became a charter member of Temple Lodge, and was its Worshipful Master in 1876 and 1877. Saint John's Royal Arch Chapter and East Boston Council of Royal and Select Masters entered his name on their rosters early in 1873. He was Knighted in William Parkman Commandery, May 8, 1873, and commencing in 1879 was successively its Prelate, Captain General, Generalissimo and Eminent Commander, officiating in the latter office in 1884 and 1885. Em.:Sir Knight Sullivan was a man of strict integrity, of unsullied honor, and of such a genial and kindly disposition as to win the affection and esteem of all who knew him.

Em.:Sir CHARLES HARRIS, Past Commander of Cambridge Commandery, died at his home in Cambridge, May 5, 1909. Em.:Sir Harris was born in Cambridge, Mass., October 2, 1832,

He was the son of Dr. Thaddeus W. Harris, who was for twenty-five years librarian of Harvard College, and was educated in the public and private schools of Cambridge, and later was graduated from the Lawrence Scientific School. Upon leaving school he studied civil engineering in the office of Felton Parker of Charlestown, Mass., and then went West, where for several years he engaged in his profession as engineer. In 1854 he returned to Boston, and entered the employ of the city as an assistant engineer, working in that capacity until December 25, 1864, when he was elected Superintendent of Streets. That office he held for nineteen years, the longest period it has been occupied by any one. He was for many years a member of the Board of Health of the city of Cambridge. Em. Sir Harris was made a Mason in Amicable Lodge of Cambridge, Mass., January 18, 1855, dimitted in 1863, and became a charter member of Mt. Olivet Lodge, of which he became Worshipful Master in 1869. After having held various other offices he was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1887. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Cambridge Chapter, April 21, 1865, was its Most Excellent High Priest in 1868, 1869, and Grand King in the Grand Chapter in 1882. He received the Cryptic degrees in Boston Council Royal and Select Masters, January 31, 1867, dimitting November 23, 1871, and becoming a charter member of Roxbury Council, and was Thrice Illustrious Master in 1879, 1880, and in 1883 was Principal Conductor of the Work in the Grand Council of Massachusetts. He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Joseph Warren Commandery, December 6, 1869, and Eminent Commander in 1877, 1878, became a charter member of Cambridge Commandery of Cambridge, Mass., in 1890, and was its first Eminent Commander, serving from May, 1890, to June, 1891.

IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

V. Em. Sir THOMAS HENRY ROOME REDWAY, Past Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey and Acting Grand Recorder, died August 29, 1908.

R. Em. Sir JOHN FRANCIS EATON, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, died October 6, 1908.

Em. Sir JOHN HENRY BABCOCK, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota, died October 26, 1908.

R. Em. Sir JOHN ALBERT SCHLENER, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, died November 5, 1908.

R. Em. Sir WILLIAM DALTON CORNISH, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, died November 6, 1908.

R. Em. Sir EDWIN L. BUTTRICK, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia, died November 9, 1908.

R. Em. Sir WILLIAM E. GROSS, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, died January 18, 1909.

R. Em. Sir SIMEON STEVENS JOHNSON, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, died January 19, 1909.

R. Em. Sir JAMES PROCTOR SHERWIN, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, died February 14, 1909.

R. Em. Sir SAMUEL CROWLEY RANDALL, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, died March 5, 1909.

R. Em. Sir JOHN C. KENNEDY, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, died March 17, 1909.

R. Em. Sir JACOB HART NEFF, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California, died March 26, 1909.

R. Em. Sir HAMPSON STONE, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, died April 3, 1909.

R. Em. Sir CHARLES RANKIN WOODRUFF, Senior Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, died April 4, 1909.

INSPECTIONS

On November 5, 1908, the following order was issued, providing for the inspection of the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction by officers of this Grand Commandery assigned for that duty. The inspections have all been made and the reports of the Inspecting Officers received in prompt time, but too late for careful study and comparison for this report. If any comments or recommendations are deemed desirable concerning them they will be embodied in the Annual Report.

I may, however, quote an extract from the report of one of the Inspecting Officers, as it entirely agrees with my own views in the matter:

"I have found that the interest in these inspections is increased over that of former years and that the Knightly rivalry existing among the Commanderies tends to perfect them in the ritual and the floor movements; that the social features of these inspections have been agreeable and entirely in keeping with the dignity of the Commanderies."

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE
APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
297 BELMONT STREET, FALL RIVER, MASS.,

November 5, 1908, A.O. 790.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
SERIES 1908-1909, }
No. 1. }

1. The several Commanderies within this jurisdiction are assigned for official inspection as follows:

To V. Em. Sir WALTER W. BURNHAM, Deputy Grand Commander,	{	Newburyport, No. 3. Worcester County, No. 5. De Molay, No. 7. Calvary, No. 13. Bristol, No. 29.
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To Em. Sir J. ALBERT BLAKE, Grand Generalissimo,	{	Boston, No. 2. Bethany, No. 17. Woonsocket, No. 24. Wm. Parkman, No. 28. Orange, No. 45.
To Em. Sir LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR, Grand Captain General,	{	Springfield, No. 6. Washington, No. 4. Pilgrim, No. 9. Beauseant, No. 41.
To Em. Sir FRANK L. NAGLE, Grand Senior Warden,	{	Joseph Warren, No. 26. South Shore, No. 31. Cœur de Lion, No. 34. Bethlehem, No. 43.
To Em. Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON, Grand Junior Warden,	{	Saint John, No. 1. Saint Omer, No. 21. Northampton, No. 30. Natick, No. 33.
To Em. Sir WALTER F. MEDDING, Grand Standard Bearer,	{	Saint Bernard, No. 12. Connecticut Valley, No. 23. Athol, No. 37. Saint George, No. 44.
To Em. Sir FREDERICK I. DANA, Grand Sword Bearer,	{	Haverhill, No. 14. Hugh de Payens, No. 20. Berkshire, No. 22. Trinity, No. 32.
To Em. Sir H. H. LITCHFIELD, Grand Lecturer,	{	Holy Sepulchre, No. 8. Jerusalem, No. 19. Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25. Olivet, No. 36.
To Em. Sir WILLIAM H. EMERSON, Grand Lecturer,	{	Palestine, No. 10. Winslow Lewis, No. 18. Cambridge, No. 42. Ivanhoe, No. 46.
To Em. Sir HENRY A. YENETCHI, Grand Lecturer,	{	Milford, No. 11. Sutton, No. 16. Narragansett, No. 27. Bay State, No. 38.
To Em. Sir WILLIAM J. BOLTON, Grand Lecturer,	{	Old Colony, No. 15. Gethsemane, No. 35. Cyprus, No. 39. Saint Paul, No. 40.

2. It is desired that all inspections be made previous to July 1, 1909.

3. Eminent Commanders are directed to cause to be sent to this office immediate information of the death of a Past Commander or officer of their respective Commanderies, together with such a sketch of his Masonic history as can be obtained.

4. Eminent Commanders are ordered to have all rituals of the Order, entrusted to the officers of their Commanderies, ready to be presented to the inspecting officer when called for. Inspecting officers are directed to make official report of any failure to comply with this order.

5. The Eminent Commander of each Commandery will ascertain before the visit of the inspecting officer the actual number of uniforms owned by the Sir Knights of his Commandery, in order to be able to make definite report of the same to the inspecting officer.

6. Eminent Commanders will cause to be sent to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Inspecting Officer assigned to their Commanderies, and to the Grand Recorder, a notice of each Conclave of their respective Commanderies during this Templar year.

7. This order will be read at the head of each Commandery at the first Stated Conclave after its receipt.

JOHN D. MUNROE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL]

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

In response to the request of the Committee on Christmas Observance of the Grand Encampment of the United States the following General Order was issued. The Grand Commander is able to report with pleasure that nearly all of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction participated in the services recom-

mended by the Committee, that many prepared elaborate programmes for the occasion, and that in all cases the services appeared to be in line with the best efforts and best ideals of our Order. The Grand Commander is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of very many kindly messages at that season and desires to acknowledge them and express his sincere thanks at this time.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. EM. GRAND COMMANDER,
297 BELMONT STREET, FALL RIVER, MASS.,

November 14, 1908, A.O. 790.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2.
SERIES 1908-1909.

*To all Knights Templars within the Jurisdiction of this Grand
Commandery:*

I. The following sentiment has been prepared by the Committee on Christmas Observance of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America:

TO OUR MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER,
HENRY WARREN RUGG,

WITH CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: AND MAY THE PRINCE OF PEACE
SEND DOWN GOOD WILL TO MEN.

II. The Grand Master sends the following response:

To all Sir Knights, Greeting:

My hearty good wishes go forth to the Brotherhood of the Temple, as I respond to another Christmas sentiment. May the sweet and holy influence of this joyous season reach the hearts and affect the lives of the constantly increasing membership of our strong and prosperous Order. Thus may each Sir Knight be prompted to a chivalric service for the right and to the cultivation and expression of that love to God and love to man which is the fulfilling of the highest law of duty.

III. The Committee requests all true Templars and their friends, wheresoever dispersed, on land or sea, to join in these sentiments on Friday, December the 25th, at noon, Eastern Standard time.

IV. It will please the Grand Commander if the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, assembled in their Asylums, their homes or wherever they may be, will, as a mark of their respect and love for the Grand Master, join in the sentiment prepared by the Committee and in wishing the Grand Master a joyous and happy Christmas.

V. This Order will be borne upon the notice of the Stated Conclave next preceding December 25, A.D. 1908, A.O. 790, and be read at the head of each Commandery at said Conclave.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, this 10th day of November, A.D. 1908, A.O. 790.

JOHN D. MUNROE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL]

EASTER OBSERVANCE

Following out the recommendations of many of my predecessors and the practice of most of our Commanderies for a number of years past, a number of the Commanderies applied for Dispensation to parade for the purpose of attending religious services during the Easter festival. While a Dispensation for such a purpose may not be necessary, it seemed to the Grand Commander well to remind the several Commanderies of the propriety of attending such services in a body and to repeat the recommendations of his predecessors for the continuance of such a practice. From an examination of the monthly notices, I am informed that a great many of our subordinate

Commanderies attended such services, and I am pleased to acknowledge that almost all have made return to this office of such action.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. EM. GRAND COMMANDER,
297 BELMONT STREET, FALL RIVER, MASS.,

March 26, 1909.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.
SERIES 1908-1909.

*To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights in the
Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Responding to the expressed desire of some, and anticipating a similar desire on the part of many more of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction to attend religious services in commemoration of the events symbolized in our Easter observances,

I, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, do hereby grant this my dispensation to the Commanderies throughout the jurisdiction, to parade in full Templar uniform, with or without banners, but without street music, for the purpose of attending religious services in any recognized place of worship for the Christian religion, or in their Asylums, during the period between and including April 11 and 18, 1909.

The Grand Commander desires to emphasize the recommendation of one of his eminent predecessors in suggesting the general observance of this Christian festival:

"It is eminently appropriate for the Sir Knights to manifest their respect for, and devotion to, the Christian religion on all occasions, but especially so on the great festal days of the church, which are designed to impress upon the minds of all the great events in the life of Him whom we take for the great Captain of our Salvation."

"Many other signs, therefore, did Jesus in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in His name."

Due and proper return will be made to me of any action had under this authority, within thirty days of its acceptance, and this dispensation filed in the archives of the Commandery and spread in full upon its records.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery, this 23d day of March, A.D. 1909, A.O. 791.

Courteously and fraternally,

JOHN D. MUNROE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL]

DECISIONS

Only three Decisions were asked for, and at least one of them seems of sufficient importance to be reported. A person applied for the Orders in one of the Commanderies under this jurisdiction whose application set forth that he was a member of a Chapter under the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge in affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Further inquiry developed that he received membership in the last-mentioned Lodge on a dimit from a so-called Lodge in another jurisdiction which was unknown to and not recognized by the Grand Lodge of that State. Under the circumstances it appeared to the Grand Commander that although the person in question held and enjoyed membership in a regularly and duly constituted Lodge and Chapter, it appeared that he had not been made a Mason in a regularly and duly constituted Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and must, therefore, be treated as a clandestine Mason until properly healed. The Grand Commander, therefore, decided that the Commandery should refuse to receive the application for ballot.

Another Decision appeared to bear more on parliamentary law than Masonic jurisprudence. It might not be worth while to refer to it but for the fact that similar questions are liable to

come up again and that a ruling by the Committee on Jurisprudence might be of help to officers of subordinate Commanderies who may be called on to deal with similar questions. The question and decision may perhaps be best stated by giving the letter of the Grand Commander in rendering his decision:

March 25, 1909.

SIR HARRY W. BAILEY,
Recorder Newburyport Commandery,
Newburyport, Mass.

Dear Sir Knight: Your communication of March 19, addressed to the Grand Recorder, has been referred to me. The case as I understand it is this: An amendment to the By-Laws changing the fee for the Orders from forty to fifty dollars was offered in proper form and laid over according to the By-Laws until the next stated Conclave, and due notice given in the call for that Conclave of such proposed action. The matter came up for consideration and an amendment was offered so changing the scope and intent of the original amendment that the Commander should have ruled that it could not be acted on at that Conclave. It would have been perfectly proper for him to have submitted the original proposition and to let the Commandery decide whether they wished to act on it at that time or to defer its consideration until such time as both propositions could be acted on at the same Conclave. As the matter stands, if the matters to be acted on are properly stated in the notice for your May Conclave it will be perfectly proper for you to act on both of them, keeping in mind always that you have two distinct propositions before you and that you should first submit the one calling for the placing of the fee at an amount sufficient to provide a uniform, and then if that fails to pass you should submit the original proposition. I desire to distinctly state that any new amendments materially changing the intent of the proposed amendments, as stated in your notice, should be declared out of order for action at that Conclave and the Sir Knights be given an opportunity to take action on the propositions before them at that time if they wish to, or to postpone them for further consideration if they wish to.

Courteously yours,

JOHN D. MUNROE,
Grand Commander.

The question and decision in the third case is best explained by the following letters:

BOSTON, May 4, 1909.

MR. JOHN D. MUNROE,
297 Belmont Street, Fall River, Mass.

Eminent Sir: Beauseant Commandery, No. 41, of Malden, Mass., has received an invitation from the city government of Malden to take part in the laying of the corner stone of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument at Bell Rock, Malden, on Monday, May 31, which is to be laid by Most Worshipful Grand Master Dana J. Flanders.

Learning that Company L of the Militia, the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans and Spanish War Veterans were to take part in that parade, I wrote Grand Master Flanders, calling his attention to the general understanding that Masonic bodies do not take part in mixed celebrations, and asking his decision as head of the Blue Lodge Grand Body in the matter.

I am enclosing herewith his reply, and before asking for a Dispensation for that purpose, would like to learn from you if it would be proper for me to accept and for you to grant such a Dispensation.

The Commandery will not have the right of line, and as far as the parade is concerned will be secondary.

Your kind information on this point will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

M. V. PUTNAM,

Eminent Commander of Beauseant Commandery.

May 5, 1909.

SIR M. V. PUTNAM,

Commander Beauseant Commandery,
Malden, Mass.

Eminent and Dear Sir: Replying to your communication of May 4, I wish to say that I do not consider the objection to Masonic bodies appearing in a mixed parade applies to a parade of military bodies recognized by both State and nation escorting Masonic bodies, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, as long as there are no other civic organizations to participate.

I will unhesitatingly grant a Dispensation for such a purpose,

and think it would be highly commendable on the part of Beauseant Commandery to escort the Most Worshipful Grand Master and any Lodges that may parade with him on such an occasion.

If there is any regulation which would prevent Masonic bodies from parading with the soldiers and sailors of the State and nation for such a purpose, I believe it is time it should be repealed.

Courteously yours,

JOHN D. MUNROE,
Grand Commander.

DISPENSATIONS

But few Dispensations were applied for and all were granted, the reasons submitted appearing to be good and sufficient. Under our laws it appears almost necessary for a Commandery whose Stated Conclave occurs on a holiday to postpone such business as might be properly acted on at that Conclave until the next Stated Conclave a month later or apply for a Dispensation. It appears to the Grand Commander that some action should be taken, preferably by the Grand Commandery, authorizing subordinate Commanderies whose Stated Conclaves occur on a holiday to appoint by vote at the previous Stated Conclave some other evening, not more than one week earlier and not later than one week after the date of the Stated Conclave, where the business for the Stated Conclave might lawfully be transacted.

To Orange Commandery, No. 45, to hold its Stated Conclave on the evening of Wednesday, December 23, 1908, in place of Friday evening, December 25, 1908, as the latter date occurred on the evening of the Christmas holiday.

To Pilgrim Commandery, No. 9, to hold an election for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the office of Recorder at the Stated Conclave to be held January 13, 1909.

To Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46, to attend a ball to be given under Masonic auspices at the town hall in Gardner on the evening of Wednesday, February 17, 1909, in full Templar uniform.

To Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46, to hold an election for the purpose of filling vacancies existing in the offices of Junior Warden and Treasurer at its Stated Conclave in November, 1908.

To Newburyport Commandery, No. 3, to hold an election for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the office of Prelate at the Stated Conclave in November, 1908.

To Beauseant Commandery, No. 41, to parade in full Templar uniform and to leave the jurisdiction for the purpose of visiting DeWitt Clinton Commandery of Portsmouth, N.H., and to confer the Order of Malta on several candidates in the Asylum of DeWitt Clinton Commandery on the evening of May 20, 1909, permission having been obtained from the Grand Commander of New Hampshire for such visit.

To Beauseant Commandery, No. 41, stationed at Malden, Mass., to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, as escort to Most Worshipful Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, and such Masonic Lodges as may appear with him for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a soldiers' and sailors' monument in the city of Malden, Monday, May 31, 1909.

REQUESTS

A request from Haverhill Commandery, No. 14, to DeWitt Clinton Commandery of Portsmouth, N.H., for waiver of jurisdiction in the case of two Companions having their residences in Plaistow, N.H., but doing business in Haverhill and having many social interests there, was received and forwarded through regular channels, but refused by DeWitt Clinton Commandery.

A request from Hamilton Commandery, No. 5, Bridgeport, Conn., asking Bethlehem Commandery, No. 43, of this jurisdiction, to confer the Order of Malta upon Sir William C. Henderson, Jr., a member of Hamilton Commandery, was received, approved and the request courteously complied with by Bethlehem Commandery.

The request of Springfield Commandery, No. 6, of this jurisdiction, asking Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, of Pittsburg, Pa., to confer the Orders upon a Companion who was accepted by Springfield Commandery, but was unexpectedly called away before he received the Orders, was courteously complied with by the Grand Commander of Pennsylvania and Pittsburg Commandery.

A request from Olivet Commandery, No. 36, of this jurisdiction, for waiver of jurisdiction in the case of a Companion over whom Trinity Commandery of Manchester, N.H., held jurisdiction because of residence, was forwarded through regular channels duly approved, but was refused by Trinity Commandery.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions have been most cordial. While the Grand Commander has not been able to avail himself of any of the opportunities offered him to visit official and social functions outside of our own jurisdiction, he has been invited to many, and in the resulting correspondence it is hoped that the usual friendly relations have at least been maintained or improved.

Early in the present administration the Grand Commander communicated with the Representatives of this Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies, and the Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near this Grand Commandery, expressing, among other things, the desire of the Grand Commander of this jurisdiction that the Grand Representatives would keep him informed of all activities being engaged in in other jurisdictions of general interest to the whole Order, that we might be inspired and benefited thereby. I am pleased to acknowledge a general and cheerful compliance with this request, especially among the Representatives of this Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies. Especially is this true of our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of California, R. Em. Sir Frank W. Sumner. This office acknowledges from him much valuable information besides documents and literature showing wonderful activity and

enterprise among the Fraters of California, after their great losses of only a few years ago. For all these services the Grand Commander desires to acknowledge his sincere thanks.

COMMISSIONS

Since the last annual meeting, commissions have been issued from these Headquarters as follows:

To Em.: Sir Charles Warner of Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, as our Representative near the Grand Commandery of Idaho.

To Em.: Sir Marshall F. Montgomery, Grand Prelate, as our Representative near the Grand Commandery of South Dakota, Vice Em.: Sir John H. Babcock, deceased.

Commissions have been received as follows:

Em.: Sir Judson C. Mackenzie as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Idaho near this Grand Commandery.

Em.: Sir William W. Johnson as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin, Vice R.: Em.: Sir E. P. Chapin, resigned on account of removal from jurisdiction.

COURTESIES AND VISITS

The Grand Commander has received many tokens of the loyalty and good will of the Fraters of our own jurisdiction, for all of which he feels very grateful. Some of them he was able to enjoy in person and all in the courteous and chivalrous spirit in which they were offered.

On the evening of the day of the Annual Conclave he was the guest of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Union of Knights Templars Commanders at a dinner at the Parker House, where he received many expressions of good will and promises of loyal support in his administration, all of which have been fulfilled and are gratefully acknowledged.

By invitation of the Commanders of St. John's Commandery, Boston Commandery, De Molay Commandery, and St. Omer Commandery, he was enabled to visit them on the occasion of

their ladies' nights, and was received with the courtesy and hospitality characteristic of those Commanderies. Many other such invitations were received, but unavoidable circumstances prevented the Grand Commander's acceptance. The custom of giving an evening for the entertainment of the ladies of the Sir Knights appears to be growing in favor and is commended as considered in line with the spirit of chivalry and devotion which all true and courteous Knights are bound to maintain towards their ladies.

By invitation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Grand Commander was also privileged to be present at the celebration of the Feast of St. John's by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the installation of the Grand Officers, where he was greeted with honor, but still better with brotherly love and kindness.

The Grand Commander was also present at a Conclave of De Molay Commandery, where a number of guests were honored and entertained. He was received with all the honors due his position and the kindness and courtesy characteristic of De Molay Commandery.

One notable occasion to which the Grand Commander was invited and had accepted, but on account of illness was prevented from attending, occurred at St. Bernard Commandery on the evening of Friday, April 30, when the Eminent Commander, Sir Charles M. Green, had the privilege of Knighting his father and three brothers. The Grand Commander will always regret his inability to be present on such an occasion.

The most important and the most interesting ceremony at which the Grand Commander was privileged to assist was held in the Asylum of Pilgrim Commandery at Lowell on the evening of May 19, 1909, when a portrait painting of R.: Em.: Sir Charles Adams Stott, Senior Past Grand Commander of this jurisdiction, and Past Commander of Pilgrim Commandery, by the distinguished portrait painter, Companion Harvey D. Young, was presented to Pilgrim Commandery. The opportunity of assisting in doing honor to R.: Em.: Sir Stott was

taken advantage of by many of the Past Grand Commanders and Officers of the Grand Commandery, as well as other prominent Templars. All the exercises were interesting and impressive, and the addresses of the three first officers of Pilgrim Commandery in connection with the presentation, and the response of R.:Em.:Sir Stott, were so notably fine that they would have been embodied in this report had copies been available.

Invitations have been received from practically all the Commanders to be present at the inspection of their several Commanderies. Some few have been attended, partly because the Commanders seemed particularly to desire it, partly because custom has sanctioned it, and, perhaps, partly because the Grand Commander particularly desired to go. While it is thought desirable that the Grand Commander should visit as many of the Commanderies as possible during his administration, it is questioned whether the occasion of an inspection, conducted by an officer whom he has appointed to represent him, is the proper or best time for such a visit.

CONCLUSION

In closing this Semi-Annual Report, mention has been omitted of several matters requiring action by other jurisdictions and subordinate Commanderies in obedience to them. All such matters are, however, in process of adjustment and Commanders will be promptly notified as soon as returns are received.

The Grand Commander desires to make grateful acknowledgment of the loyal and hearty support which he has received from the entire corps of Grand Officers. The knowledge of such support has greatly lightened the duties of the executive office.

Courteously submitted,

JOHN D. MUNROE,
Grand Commander.

On motion of R.:Em.:Sir Caleb Saunders the address was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

ROLL-CALL OF COMMANDERIES

The Em.:Grand Recorder called the roll of Commanderies, and the following-named Commanderies responded:

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	No. of Commandery.	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY.
St. Johns	1	Providence, R.I.
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.
Washington	4	Newport, R.I.
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.
De Molay	7	Boston, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R.I.
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.
Calvary	13	Providence, R.I.
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R.I.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R.I.
William Parkman	28	East Boston, Mass.
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.
South Shore	31	East Weymouth, Mass.
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.
Cœur de Lion	34	Charlestown, Mass.
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.
St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

PROVIDENCE, R.I., May 27, 1908.

R. Em. Grand Commander:

Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the amendments submitted by Haverhill Commandery, No. 14, relating to "Permanent Fund," those of Gethsemane Commandery relating to election and installation of officers and rental of armory cases, and the amendment of Newburyport Commandery, No. 3, relating to fee for the Orders.

We find these several amendments to be in conformity with the Grand Constitutions and Regulations and recommend that they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY HUNT,
J. FOSTER BUSH,
EDGAR S. TAFT,
Committee on By-Laws.

This report was by unanimous vote adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

IN GRAND COMMANDERY, SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE,
PROVIDENCE, May 27, 1909.

To the Officers and Members:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the Annual Address of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, delivered in October last, have the honor to report that they have carefully examined said address and find on the various matters therein contained as follows:

GROWTH

The address opens with a statement showing that the total membership of the Commanderies acknowledging allegiance to this Grand Commandery was, at the date of the last Annual Conclave, sixteen thousand one hundred and thirty-three (16,133), and that all of the subordinate Commanderies appear to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

NECROLOGY

Six Eminent Sir Knights of this Grand Body, who have in the previous six months journeyed to that undiscovered country,

from whose bourne no traveler returns, receive a fitting and appreciative notice. Brief mention is also made of the Eminent Fraters in other Grand Commanderies who have passed away, leaving many vacancies in the ranks of the valiant warriors of the Temple.

DISPENSATIONS

An unusual number of Dispensations was granted by the Grand Commander, but they appear to be all for the usual Masonic and Templar purposes, to wit:

To parade in full Templar uniform with music and banners to celebrate St. John's Day	26
To parade in full Templar uniform with music and banners for the purpose of making pilgrimages.	8
To parade in full Templar uniform with music and banners to perform escort duty for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at the laying of the corner stone of a church.	1
To hold an election to fill the vacancy in the office of Prelate	1

And to Cœur de Lion Commandery to visit Palestine Commandery in its temporary Asylum in full Templar uniform, for the purpose of presenting to Palestine a banner to replace the one destroyed by fire.

In all cases where Commanderies visited other jurisdictions, permission was asked of, and granted by, the Grand Commanders of those jurisdictions. A similar courtesy was asked of, and granted by, our Grand Commander, to Commanderies wishing to visit or pass through this jurisdiction. All the Dispensations granted were properly guarded and due return was made by each Commandery. We recommend approval of the Grand Commander's action in all these Dispensations.

DECISIONS

A Sir Knight was suspended for non-payment of dues and afterward, on payment of the amount due, he was restored to good standing as a Knight Templar, but *not* to membership in his Commandery. The Grand Commander decided, *first*, that the money should not be returned to the Sir Knight, which was correct; *second*, that the Sir Knight could apply at any Stated Conclave for admission to membership, also correct; *third*, that suspension from membership is equivalent to a dimit. This latter decision, while correct in this case, may be subject

to misinterpretation without further explanation. The Resolves and Decisions of Grand Commandery say, when a suspended Knight Templar is restored to good standing his Commandery should give him a certificate stating that he had been a member, had been suspended and had been restored to good standing; and such certificate will be equivalent to a dimit. By which it is evident that suspension from membership is only equivalent to a dimit after the Sir Knight has been restored to good standing as a Knight Templar. There seems to be something incongruous in this whole matter. A Sir Knight cannot be suspended from membership in a Commandery without being suspended from good standing as a Knight Templar. He can, after purging himself from the cause of suspension, be restored to good standing by a majority vote, but he can be restored to membership only by a unanimous vote. If restoration to membership is denied him, he becomes an unaffiliated Knight Templar and thus not entitled to any Templar honors. The only safety for the Sir Knight is to keep his dues paid promptly, and thus not allow himself to be suspended.

The decision of the Grand Commander that the list of members of a Commandery should not be furnished for business purposes is correct.

We recommend the approval of the above decisions.

The suggestion of the Grand Commander that a copy of the By-Laws of each Commandery in this jurisdiction be kept in the office of the Grand Recorder for reference is a good one, and we hereby recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery be and he is hereby instructed to procure from each Commandery in this jurisdiction a copy of its By-Laws to be kept in his office for reference; and whenever amendments are made to the By-Laws of any Commandery, a copy of such amended By-Laws shall also be deposited with the Grand Recorder.

Only one complaint was referred to the Grand Commander during the year, but as the subject matter of this complaint is being investigated by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, no action is deemed necessary by this Grand Commandery at this time.

The address of the Grand Commander as a whole shows that he devoted much time and careful thought to the manifold duties of his office. It shows, too, an intelligent comprehension of those duties, and that his successful administration of the affairs of this Grand Body required much of his time and

energy. We commend the document as one that will take high rank among the valuable papers submitted by the long line of able Grand Commanders who have preceded him.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. STOTT,
JOHN P. SANBORN,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted, approved and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT IN 1910 AT CHICAGO, ILL.

The Committee by the Chairman, Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, made a verbal report of progress, that all matters as far as could be arranged so far ahead had been accomplished, and that, no doubt, a full, complete report would be made at the Annual Conclave.

REPORT OF R. EM. SIR E. BENTLEY YOUNG ON THE TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE AT SARATOGA, N.Y., IN 1907

In accordance with the vote of Grand Commandery passed at the One Hundred and Third Annual Conclave, Rt. Em. Sir E. Bentley Young submitted the following report relative to the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States at Saratoga, in 1907:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

In telling the story of the Thirtieth Triennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, held in July, 1907, permit me, first of all, to express my sincere thanks for the privilege of addressing you at this time. The many notable and pleasing incidents of the Triennial were, to me at least, so impressive that it seems desirable to place on record a somewhat extended notice of the affair. Unfortunately, by reason of the affliction which fell to my lot, soon after my

return from Saratoga, I was unable to perform my full duty by making such a report to this Grand Commandery as was due at the expiration of my term of office in October. But today, by your kind consideration, I am permitted to present the details of the affair which I trust will afford additional, and perhaps interesting, material to the already extended history of this Grand Commandery.

A Committee, consisting of Em. Sir B. W. Rowell, R. Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey and the Grand Commander, were authorized to proceed to Saratoga to secure suitable accommodations for the officers and members entitled, by reason of their rank, to represent this Grand Body. It is needless to say that under the efficient guidance of the Grand Recorder, favorable quarters were secured in the Grand Union Hotel for the entire party. Two parlors on the first floor of the hotel were also secured for the headquarters during the Conclave. A well-furnished parlor car was provided for the Grand Officers and their ladies, the same to be attached to a special train consisting of three coaches and baggage cars secured for the trip by Joseph Warren Commandery of Roxbury. One of the coaches was occupied by William Parkman Commandery of East Boston, Em. Sir Walter J. Staples in command. Two were occupied by Joseph Warren Commandery of Roxbury, Em. Sir S. Everett Tinkham in command. In all there were nearly two hundred ladies in the company.

The train left the North Station on Sunday morning at ten o'clock bearing a happy company for the far-famed town of Saratoga, a place thought to be well suited to the purposes of the Triennial. The parlor car assigned the Grand Officers was occupied by the following named Eminent Sir Knights and their ladies:—

R. Em. Sir Charles I. Litchfield, Mrs. Litchfield and Miss Litchfield, Em. Sir John D. Munroe and Mrs. Munroe, Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham and Mrs. Burnham, Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, Em. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce and Mrs. Pierce, R. Em. Sir John P. Sanborn and Mrs. Sanborn, Em. Sir Judson C. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie, Em. Sir Amory Maynard and Mrs. Maynard, R. Em. Sir

Freeman C. Hersey, R. Em. Sir George H. Hilton, R. Em. Sir Dana J. Flanders, R. Em. Sir Herbert F. Morse, Em. Sir John J. Van Valkenburgh and Sir Knight P. A. Melville.

On arriving at Fitchburg the party was increased by the presence of Em. Sir Joseph G. Edgerly, Grand Captain of the Guards, who enlivened the remainder of the journey by his ready wit and cheerful stories. At Greenfield, Em. Sir Samuel D. Sherwood, Grand Sword Bearer, and others joined the party, thereby making the official representation nearly complete. A heavy rainfall en route was quickly followed by bright sunshine. This only served to enhance the charms of the journey, which was happily concluded at half past four o'clock by arriving in Saratoga on time.

Promptly leaving the train, the company without ceremony made its way through crowded streets, in the midst of elaborate decorations and amid joyous demonstrations, to the Grand Union Hotel, there to find apartments as assigned per contract. Our Eminent Grand Recorder began at once perfecting the necessary details for an agreeable stay, and within an hour the entire party was settled and the anticipated enjoyment began.

In the evening the ladies of the party were invited to the fêtes going on in Congress Park. An hour was there spent in sauntering about the beautifully illuminated grounds, listening to entrancing music, drinking the waters of the springs and in other ways gaining inspiration for the coming events of the week.

On Monday, July 8, Saratoga was, indeed, a bustling scene of activity. Templar bodies, seemingly without number, were coming and going hither and thither. Banners and decorations were visible in every direction. The streets were lined with delighted sight-seers, and plumed Sir Knights were rushing about the town in the business of exchanging greetings and making ready for a suitable display of considerate hospitality.

The Grand Commander, having placed Em. Sir Frank E. Davis, of Northampton Commandery, in charge of the headquarters of the Grand Commandery where open house was continued from this day on throughout the Triennial, made a

complimentary visit to the Vermont House, where Worcester County Commandery, Em. Sir William W. Brown in command, was located. With the Grand Officers, and under escort of Joseph Warren Commandery and the American Watch Company Band, he proceeded to the hotel. He was received by the Sir Knights in line, the band playing "Hail to the Chief." A warm welcome was accorded him by Em. Sir Brown, and complimentary words were also said by others who were present at the reception. The Grand Commander was afterwards, through the courtesy of R. Em. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain, introduced to the ladies present. After partaking of refreshments, the line of march was resumed and Calvary Commandery of Providence, R.I., located at the United States Hotel, was visited. Em. Commander Frederick I. Dana was not only surrounded by the Sir Knights of his Commandery, but by the ladies who accompanied them. They, too, were presented to the Grand Commander, and Em. Sir Dana remarked that the ladies were the important part of his command. It is needless to say that the Grand Commander was much gratified to meet them and so expressed himself in courteous and emphatic phrase. Again the line of march was taken up for a call upon the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States whose headquarters were at the Grand Union Hotel. Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Grand Captain General, presented the Grand Commander, who endeavored in fitting words to express his satisfaction at being permitted to extend the greetings of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to the Grand Master. He congratulated the distinguished Sir Knight upon his happy and efficient administration of the affairs of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Master replied in a graceful and impressive manner, and among other things said, "I am glad to say that I have been eminently assisted in my efforts by the representatives of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. A meed of praise is surely due them for such successful conditions." Presentations were then made to the Grand Officers of the suite and all received cards enclosed in a handsome leathern case. The Grand Master happily called nearly all of our Past Grand Commanders by their first

names. The ceremonies concluded, after a short march to headquarters the escort was dismissed and the Grand Officers retired for rest and refreshment.

In the evening a brilliant reception, given by the Grand Commandery of New York, in honor of the Grand Master and the Right Honorable the Earl of Euston, the Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales, and other dignitaries followed. It was held in the large convention hall, which was thronged with Sir Knights in full uniform and ladies in evening gowns. The Grand Commander and suite were in the receiving line. Hundreds passed down the line, simply bowing for want of time, in acknowledgment of the courtesy shown them. A concert followed, which was highly entertaining by reason of the exceptional ability of the artists selected.

On Tuesday the parade, anticipated by hundreds of visitors and anxiously awaited by the officers having the arrangements in charge, came off. The details were complete to the minutest particular. No delay was experienced and the pageant moved over the route of march under clear skies, with cool weather and inspiring music, amid unbounded applause from the observing thousands who lined the streets along the entire route. Twelve thousand Sir Knights participated in the parade. The Grand Commander was marshal of the Second Division, composed entirely of Sir Knights of this jurisdiction. A detailed report of the officers accompanying him, and the Commanderies in line, is submitted herewith, in the report of Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, Grand Warder, Adjutant of the Second Division, as submitted to and approved by the Grand Captain General and Chief of Staff Walter W. Burnham. It was remarked that the Staff of the Grand Commander, thirty in number, all duly mounted, made an exceptionally fine appearance, receiving most favorable comment from the observing visitors.

The banner of the Grand Commandery was carried, as usual in Triennial parades, in a carriage in the charge of the Grand Recorder. In the conveyance was Sir Knight John A. Johnson of De Molay Commandery, nearly ninety-five years old at the

time, since deceased, a veritable enthusiast in Templary. Sir Knight P. A. Melville, the historian and correspondent of the occasion, by appointment of the Grand Commander, was also in the conveyance.

As the head of the line reached the reviewing stand, a halt was made to enable the members of the Grand Encampment to alight from the carriages they had occupied in the parade, for the purpose of taking the places assigned them on the reviewing stand, after which the procession moved on in splendid array amid a storm of applause from the spectators massed on and about the reviewing stand. The Grand Commander, in obedience to orders, after passing the Grand Master, turned over his command to V. Em. Sir Charles I. Litchfield, Deputy Grand Commander, and attended by his Adjutant, Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, reviewed the Second Division, all the Commanderies of which, in recognition of his position, saluted as they passed, thereby giving evidence of their regard for the Order and their respect for its principal officer. The Grand Commander was greatly pleased with the steady marching of the Sir Knights, the generally correct alignment of the Commanderies and the soldierly bearing of the men. Each Body evidently did its best in the effort to reflect credit upon the jurisdiction. It was, indeed, a happy manifestation of Knightly spirit and enthusiasm. The display will always be remembered by him who had the honor to be in command at the time.

Among those who rode with the Grand Encampment, accompanying the Grand Master, the Right Honorable the Earl of Euston and the V. Em. Deputy Grand Master Henry W. Rugg, were the following Right Eminent Sirs of this Grand Commandery: Caleb Saunders, William H. H. Soule, George E. Hilton, Freeman C. Hersey, Robert H. Chamberlain, Herbert F. Morse and Dana J. Flanders, all of whom are active in the Councils of the Grand Encampment. R. Em. Sir John P. Sanborn was assigned to the Staff of the Grand Marshal of the parade, with whom he rode at the head of the procession.

At the conclusion of the parade the lines were dismissed without confusion, the Grand Commander reporting at once

with the other members of the Grand Encampment to the Town Hall, where a generous welcome was accorded the Grand Body by the Governor of New York, Hon. Charles E. Hughes, Senator E. T. Brackett and the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, R. Em. Sir A. P. Knapp. The Grand Master responded to the eloquent remarks of the distinguished gentlemen in an appropriate manner. A formal opening of the Grand Encampment followed and the business of the session was begun.

At nightfall a visit was made to Hugh de Payens Commandery of Melrose, Em. Sir Seth C. Clark, Commander, where the Grand Commander was most graciously received. It is gratifying to bear testimony to the enthusiasm that characterized this Commandery. Its hospitality was continuous all through the Triennial; its frequent band concerts attracted large numbers to its headquarters; and its response to the requests of the Grand Commander was immediate and satisfactory. Beauseant Commandery of Malden, Em. Sir Charles E. Prior in command, was also visited. This Commandery kindly volunteered to act as escort for the Grand Commander in a visit to Gethsemane Commandery of Newton, Em. Sir William F. Jarvis in command. The hospitality of this Body had been extended to St. Johns Commandery of Bangor, Me., and Holy Sepulchre Commandery of Pawtucket, R.I., just before his arrival, but the resources of Gethsemane Commandery were equal to the emergency and a delightful welcome was enjoyed.

Wednesday was given over largely to the deliberations of the Grand Encampment, but some time was found to keep alive the spirit which Massachusetts and Rhode Island manifested all through the Triennial. Many of the Commanderies had planned to leave Saratoga, and among them, anticipating an early departure on the morrow, was Joseph Warren Commandery of Roxbury. The Grand Commander thought it proper to pay his respects to that Body before its departure, and therefore, under escort of Hugh de Payens Commandery, he paid them a fraternal visit. Complimentary words were spoken by the Eminent Commander of that Body, Em. Sir S. Everett Tinkham, to which the Grand Commander responded, taking occasion

to especially compliment the ladies of Joseph Warren Commandery who had so sympathetically assisted in the effort to make the excursion a success. The Grand Commander was then escorted back to his headquarters and there, after thanking Em. Sir Clark for his courtesy, shook hands with the several officers, bidding them "God speed" on their homeward way.

At six o'clock, in the elegantly furnished clubhouse of Saratoga, a banquet was given by the Grand Encampment of the United States in honor of their special guests. It was a brilliant affair with every possible embellishment in the way of decoration, with inspiring music, with a service unexcelled in style and effectiveness. It was a great compliment to those who were fortunate enough to be present. Eloquent speeches by the Grand Master, George M. Moulton, the Right Honorable the Earl of Euston, the V. Em. Deputy Grand Master Henry W. Rugg, the V. Em. Grand Generalissimo William B. Mellish, followed the repast. The Grand Commander was prevented from remaining through the exercises by reason of the necessity of being promptly on hand at the reception tendered by the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to the fraternity at large the same evening.

This also may properly be called a brilliant affair. The headquarters in which the reception took place were elaborately decorated. The ladies, of whom there were many, were attractively gowned; the Sir Knights were in full uniform. Refreshments in abundance were provided. The American Watch Company Band of Waltham, considerably loaned by Joseph Warren Commandery for the occasion, added greatly to the enjoyment of all. It played almost continuously until a late hour of the night and to the end of the festivities. A conservative estimate of the number of people present is three thousand.

The Grand Master and lady, the Earl of Euston, and other noted English Templars from the Grand Priory of Canada, V. Em. Henry W. Rugg, V. Em. Sir William B. Mellish and V. Em. Sir Arthur MacArthur were present, as were many others. An extended line of Grand Officers of the Grand

Commandery, with their ladies, received; among whom may be mentioned the following officers: V. Em. Sir Charles I. Litchfield, Em. Sir John D. Munroe, Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, Em. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Em. Sir Samuel D. Sherwood, Em. Sir Joseph G. Edgerly, R. Em. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett, R. Em. Sir Dana J. Flanders, R. Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Em. Sir John J. Van Valkenburgh, Em. Sir William Robinson, Em. Sir James Gould, Em. Sir Amory Maynard.

The ladies who graced the occasion should also be named. They were Mrs. Charles I. Litchfield and Miss Litchfield, Mrs. John D. Munroe, Mrs. Walter W. Burnham, Mrs. Charles E. Pierce, Mrs. Walter Medding and Mrs. Amory Maynard.

The presentations were made by V. Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Grand Captain General, in his peculiarly felicitous style. He was happily assisted by Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, Grand Warder. The Grand Master, in reply to the welcome of the Grand Commander, complimented the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island so happily as to draw from the company present an enthusiastic round of applause. The Earl of Euston also said, in the course of his remarks, that he should always have among the happiest recollections of his life the Conclave of 1907 in Saratoga. The whole affair, as carried out under the especial direction of Em. Sir B. W. Rowell and R. Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, reflected credit upon the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. It has been pronounced the leading event of the many delightful affairs which characterized the Conclave.

All looked forward with pleasure to the meeting of the Grand Encampment on Thursday, for the election of a new Grand Master was to take place. All knew upon whom the choice would fall, but naturally awaited for the consummation of their anticipations. Rev. Dr. Henry W. Rugg, Deputy Grand Master, was unanimously elected. This was a deserved compliment to the jurisdiction from which he came. In a peculiarly effective speech he accepted the honorable position. Unstinted applause followed his remarks, testifying to the confidence reposed in him by the Sir Knights of the Body that elected him.

Several of our Past Grand Commanders were signally honored by assignments to important committees. R. Em. William H. H. Soule was continued as a member of the Finance Committee. R. Em. Caleb Saunders was continued on the Committee on Jurisprudence. R. Em. Dana J. Flanders was made Chairman of the Committee on the Thirty-First Triennial to be held in Chicago. The Grand Commander was assigned to the Committee on Concordat.

It seemed proper to the Grand Commander that this jurisdiction should express its gratification at the election of Dr. Henry W. Rugg to the honorable position of Grand Master for the ensuing three years. He therefore invited the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with their ladies, to be present at five thirty o'clock on Thursday afternoon in the large parlors of the Grand Union Hotel for the purpose of greeting the Grand Master and assuring him of the pleasure all felt in seeing him duly invested with the jewel of Grand Master. A prompt response was made to his invitation. An extended line was formed, the Grand Commander in the center. On his right were the ladies as named below:

Mrs. Gertrude Field, Mrs. Charles I. Litchfield, Mrs. John D. Munroe, Mrs. Walter W. Burnham, Mrs. Charles E. Pierce, Mrs. Caleb Saunders, Mrs. Amory Maynard, Mrs. Judson C. McKenzie, Mrs. John P. Sanborn and Miss Litchfield.

On the left of the Grand Commander were the following officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery: V. Em. Sir Charles I. Litchfield, Em. Sir John D. Munroe, Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, Em. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, Em. Sir Joseph G. Edgerly, Em. Sir William Robinson, Em. Sir James Gould, Em. Sir John J. Van Valkenburgh and Em. Sir Amory Maynard.

R. Em. Sir Caleb Saunders was Chairman of the Committee to present the Grand Master, and with him were R. Em. Sirs Soule, Hersey, Hilton, Morse, Flanders, Chamberlain and Blodgett. The Grand Warder, Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, acted as Marshal for the Committee. R. Em. Sir Saunders

introduced the Grand Master to the Grand Commander in a pleasing and appropriate manner. The Grand Commander, after alluding to the honorable career of the Grand Master as a Mason, clergyman and citizen, said, among other things: "By your example and words, all through the past, you have helped materially in uplifting humanity. In your leadership we have the utmost confidence. By nature, education and accomplishments you are especially fitted to conduct this great Order of ours throughout the ensuing three years of its undoubted prosperity. Your voice, your influence will surely be felt. Under such a leader there can be no hindrance in the progress of our noble institution. Accept these roses, twenty-one in number, emblematic of the attainment of your majority. By that we mean that you are the twenty-first to occupy the eminent position of Grand Master. The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island rejoices in the fact that you are now crowned with new laurels, that you are duly commissioned to care for the institution of Templary for the ensuing three years."

Dr. Rugg replied in language eloquent and impressive. He said in part: "I think I prize the sympathetic feeling of my Templar associates in Massachusetts and Rhode Island more than the honorable office to which I have been called. Do not imagine that I fail to appreciate the honors which have fallen upon me. Do not think that I am wanting in thought and respect for the office. To be called on for three years to fill my new duties is in itself no light task. We have optimistic hopes that our usefulness will be extended. We have great satisfaction in the glory of the past, but today we come to another epoch. Our institution is helpful and restful and makes for the betterment of humanity. It binds to higher thoughts and greater deeds. God grant that we may be faithful and zealous in helping to make better mankind and advance the interests of Freemasonry in the world. I pledge my presence, my words, my service and my best efforts to the cause of Templary and humanity."

The Grand Commander then thanked the ladies for their presence and for lending their assistance to the occasion. He

presented each lady with a bunch of American Beauties, amid the applause of the assembled company. The Grand Recorder then presented the Grand Commander with a floral tribute, after which the ladies present greeted the Grand Master, who in turn went down the line to take the hand of each of the Eminent Sir Knights present. The Grand Master then returned under escort to his private apartments.

This affair practically ended the festivities of the Conclave. On Friday morning the Grand Commandery informally repaired to the depot and after some delay started on its homeward journey. A little worn in body and mind, its members reached home in due time. One thought was uppermost with them as they separated, — a dignified and appropriate observance of the programme arranged for the Thirtieth Triennial had been consummated. The Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island had successfully maintained its reputation and added not a little to its glory. The Thirtieth Triennial, so much enjoyed by all who participated therein, has passed into history. That history will surely command the admiring attention of the interested student of American Templary.

E. BENTLEY YOUNG,
Past Grand Commander.



HEADQUARTERS OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

BOSTON, MASS., July 15, 1907.

R. Em. Sir E. BENTLEY YOUNG,

Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Chief of the Second Grand Division of the Parade and Review at the Thirtieth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

Right Eminent Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith, as your Grand Warder and Adjutant, a report of the Second Grand Division in the Templar column acting as escort to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United

States, on the occasion of the Thirtieth Triennial Conclave, at Saratoga, New York, Tuesday, July 8, 1907, and the parade and review attendant thereto.

In compliance with Parade Orders No. 1, issued by Em. Sir Edwin C. Hall, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New York, Commander of the Parade, the Second Grand Division was formed promptly on the north side of Union Avenue, the head of the Division resting on Nelson Avenue. At 12 m. the Division, in column of sections, was ready to move forward as soon as uncovered by the First Grand Division, and so reported to Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Grand Captain General and Chief of Staff.

The order of formation of the Division was as follows:

Chief of Division
R. Em. Sir E. BENTLEY YOUNG
Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Chief of Staff
Em. Sir WALTER W. BURNHAM
Grand Captain General

Adjutant
Em. Sir CHARLES E. PIERCE
Grand Warder

V. Em. Sir CHARLES I. LITCHFIELD
Deputy Grand Commander

Em. Sir JOHN D. MUNROE
Grand Generalissimo

Em. Sir FRANK L. NAGLE
Grand Standard Bearer

Em. Sir SAMUEL D. SHERWOOD
Grand Sword Bearer

Em. Sir ROBERT L. SPENCER Em. Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON
Em. Sir WALTER F. MEDDING
Grand Lecturers

R. Em. Sir EDWIN A. BLODGETT
Past Grand Commander

GRAND STANDARD
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY

Em. Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL
Grand Recorder

Sir JOHN A. JOHNSON
De Molay Commandery,
Boston, Mass.

Sir P. A. MELVILLE
Encampment of Saint John,
Saint John, N.B.

Sir JOHN D. MUNROE
Calvary Commandery,
Beauseant Bearer

Sir ARTHUR D. PRINCE
Pilgrim Commandery,
National Color Bearer

Aids

Em. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON
Em. Sir JAMES GOULD
Palestine Commandery
Em. Sir DANIEL C. HUNT
Haverhill Commandery
Em. Sir HARRY STEVENS
Hugh de Payens Commandery
Em. Sir FRANK E. DAVIS
Northampton Commandery
Em. Sir AMORY MAYNARD
Trinity Commandery
Em. Sir EDMUND G. POND
Gethsemane Commandery

Em. Sir THOMAS L. PHILLIPS
Em. Sir JOSEPH BAKER, JR.
Calvary Commandery
Em. Sir ELISHA H. FISHER
Sutton Commandery
Em. Sir JUDSON C. MACKENZIE
Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery
Em. Sir ARTHUR W. STETSON
South Shore Commandery
Em. Sir JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURGH
Natick Commandery
Em. Sir THOMAS P. BLAKE
Beauseant Commandery

Sir WILLIAM E. PERRINS
Sir IRVING D. VOSE
Joseph Warren Commandery



GARTLAND'S BAND
Troy, N.Y.
30 pieces



SAINT JOHNS COMMANDERY
Providence, R.I.
Em. Sir Waldo M. Place
Commander

Sir Clayton A. Ballou
Generalissimo

Sir James B. Gay
Captain General

Past Commanders

Em. Sir William E. Husband

Em. Sir John Heathcote

Em. Sir William H. Perry
60 Sir Knights



BOSTON COMMANDERY BAND
Boston, Mass.
25 pieces



BOSTON COMMANDERY
Boston, Mass.

Em. Sir Charles S. Damrell
Commander

Sir James S. Blake
Generalissimo

Sir Jesse E. Ames
Captain General

Sir William A. Barr
Adjutant

Past Commanders

Em. Sir Richard A. Atwood

Em. Sir Henry H. Litchfield

115 Sir Knights



STEVENS ARMS AND TOOL CO. BAND
Chicopee Falls, Mass.
24 pieces



WORCESTER COUNTY COMMANDERY
Worcester, Mass.

Em. Sir William W. Brown
Commander

Em. Sir Edward M. Woodward
Acting Generalissimo

Sir Fred M. Sampson
Captain General

Em. Sir Phineas L. Ryder
Adjutant

Past Commanders

Em. Sir Francis A. Harrington

Em. Sir Charles A. Harrington

75 Sir Knights



HOLY SEPULCHRE COMMANDERY
Pawtucket, R.I.

Em. Sir E. Percy Davis
Commander

Past Commanders

Em. Sir John F. Oldham

Em. Sir Henry C. Dexter

19 Sir Knights

LOWELL MILITARY BAND

Lowell, Mass.

25 pieces



PILGRIM COMMANDERY

Lowell, Mass.

Em. Sir Harry H. Pollard

Commander

Sir Frederick W. Farnham

Generalissimo

Sir Horace S. Bacon

Captain General

Sir Harry A. Thompson

*Adjutant**Past Commanders*

Em. Sir Arthur G. Pollard

Em. Sir Herbert C. Taft

36 Sir Knights



STOTTVILLE BAND

Stottville, N.Y.

27 pieces



PALESTINE COMMANDERY

Chelsea, Mass.

Em. Sir R. Perry Bush

Commander

Sir Harry C. Crocker

Generalissimo

Sir Walter S. Litchfield

Captain General

Sir William F. Hill

Adjutant

45 Sir Knights



PALESTINE BAND

Providence, R.I.

25 pieces



CALVARY COMMANDERY

Providence, R.I.

Em. Sir Frederick I. Dana

Commander

Sir William W. Hunt

Generalissimo

Sir James A. Rogers

Captain General

Sir Walter A. Griffith

*Adjutant**Past Commanders*

Em. Sir Joseph H. Potter

Em. Sir John P. Thompson

55 Sir Knights



HUGH DE PAYENS BAND

Melrose, Mass.

25 pieces



HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY

Melrose, Mass.

Em. Sir Seth C. Clark

Commander

Sir Charles E. Marshall

Generalissimo

Sir Milton A. Stone

*Captain General**Past Commanders*

Em. Sir Alonzo H. Smith

Em. Sir Harry Hunt

and

Em. Sir Benjamin Cole, Jr.

Winslow Lewis Commandery

60 Sir Knights



HUDSON DRUM CORPS

Hudson, N.Y.

18 pieces



ST. OMER COMMANDERY

Boston, Mass.

Sir Henry M. Nash

Generalissimo, Commanding

Sir Henry Hazelett

*Captain General**Past Commanders*

Em. Sir Fletcher K. Tirrell

Em. Sir Charles E. Hull

28 Sir Knights

ST. JOSEPH'S BAND
Pittsfield, Mass.
25 pieces



BERKSHIRE COMMANDERY
Pittsfield, Mass.
Em. Sir David J. Gimlick
Commander

Sir Frank J. Barrett
Generalissimo

Sir Herbert M. Stetson
Captain General

Sir Henry H. Rice
Adjutant

Past Commanders

Em. Sir William E. Wilcox

Em. Sir Charles E. Barrett

Em. Sir William T. Petherbridge

Em. Sir H. Earle Henry

Em. Sir William P. Wood

Em. Sir William D. MacInnes

Em. Sir James O. Clifford

Em. Sir G. Albert Kenyon

92 Sir Knights



WOONSOCKET COMMANDERY
Woonsocket, R.I.
Em. Sir Farnum B. Smith
Commander

Sir Stephen Wright
Acting Generalissimo

Sir William Howard
Captain General

Past Commanders

Em. Sir Frederick W. Arnold

Em. Sir Frank H. Mills

Em. Sir Walter S. Thayer

24 Sir Knights



GODFREY DE BOUILLON COMMANDERY
Fall River, Mass.
Em. Sir Dwight E. Cone
Commander

Sir Clarence E. Hambly
Generalissimo

Sir Charles B. Heathcote
Acting Captain General

Past Commander

Em. Sir James W. Anthony

24 Sir Knights

AMERICAN WATCH COMPANY BAND
Waltham, Mass.
25 pieces



JOSEPH WARREN COMMANDERY
Roxbury, Mass.
Em. Sir S. Everett Tinkham
Commander

Sir John W. Hall
Generalissimo

Sir George W. Knowlton
Captain General

90 Sir Knights



WILLIAM PARKMAN COMMANDERY
East Boston, Mass.
Em. Sir William J. Staples
Commander

Sir Charles G. Bird
Generalissimo

Sir Albert R. Stedfast
Acting Captain General

22 Sir Knights



TRINITY COMMANDERY
Hudson, Mass.
Em. Sir Fred S. Rowell
Commander

Em. Sir George B. Cochran
Acting Generalissimo

Sir Calvin H. Hastings
Captain General

Em. Sir Horace A. Brown
Milford Commandery
Adjutant

21 Sir Knights



LEOMINSTER CITY BAND
Leominster, Mass.
25 pieces

GETHSEMANE COMMANDERY
Newtonville, Mass.

Em.: Sir William F. Jarvis
Commander

Em.: Sir Frank K. Porter Sir William E. Peterson
Acting Generalissimo *Captain General*

Past Commanders
Em.: Sir James B. Fuller
65 Sir Knights



REYNOLDS CITY BAND
North Adams, Mass.
25 pieces



ST. PAUL COMMANDERY
North Adams, Mass.

Em.: Sir Harvey A. Gallup
Commander

Sir Newton C. Bond Sir Robert A. Thompson
Generalissimo *Captain General*
Sir Frederick W. Merriam
Adjutant

Past Commanders
Em.: Sir Hobart C. Tower Em.: Sir Edward M. Meekins
Em.: Sir Frederick W. Reed Em.: Sir Everett E. Reade
75 Sir Knights



BEAUSEANT COMMANDERY
Malden, Mass.

Em.: Sir Charles E. Prior
Commander

Sir Arthur W. Walker Sir Marion V. Putnam
Generalissimo *Captain General*

Sir Elmer E. Locke
Adjutant

Past Commanders
Em.: Sir George L. Griffin
and
Em.: Sir Samuel H. Bell
St. Paul Commandery
Dover, N.H.
39 Sir Knights



The numerical strength of the Second Grand Division is shown to be as follows:

	NUMBER SIR KNIGHTS	NUMBER MUSICIANS
Grand Commander and officers of the Grand Commandery	12	
Aids, etc.	20	
COMMANDERIES		
Saint Johns	60	30
Boston	115	25
Worcester County	75	24
Holy Sepulchre	19	
Pilgrim	36	25
Palestine	45	27
Calvary	55	25
Hugh de Payens	60	25
Saint Omer	28	18
Berkshire	92	25
Woonsocket	24	
Godfrey de Bouillon	24	
Joseph Warren	90	25
William Parkman	22	
Trinity	21	
Gethsemane	65	25
Saint Paul	75	25
Beauseant	39	
Total	977	299
Grand total		1,276

The route of the parade was from Union Avenue to Circular Street, to Lake Avenue, to Broadway, to East Avenue, counter-marching and passing in review before M. Em. Sir George M. Moulton, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, the reviewing stand being in front of the Grand Union Hotel.

After the review by Grand Master, the Second Grand Division was reviewed by its Chief of Division.

The Division continued its march to Lincoln Avenue and was there dismissed.

In the First Grand Division appeared R. Em. Sirs Henry W. Rugg, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; Caleb Saunders, Robert H. Chamberlain, William H. H. Soule, George E. Hilton, Freeman C. Hersey, Herbert F. Morse and Dana J. Flanders, Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. R. Em. Sir John P. Sanborn, Past Grand Commander, represented the Grand Commandery on the Staff of the Commander of the Parade.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES E. PIERCE,
Grand Warder and Adjutant.



ENDORSEMENTS

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

BOSTON, MASS., July 15, 1907.

Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, Grand Warder and Adjutant, courteously forwards to Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Grand Captain General and Chief of Staff of the Second Grand Division of the Thirtieth Triennial Conclave parade, his official report.



HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., July 16, 1907.

The accompanying report of the Knights Templar Parade and Review, held in the village of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., July 9, 1907, at the Thirtieth Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, I have carefully

examined and take pleasure in courteously forwarding the same to R. Em. Sir E. Bentley Young, Grand Commander, with my approval.

WALTER W. BURNHAM,
Grand Captain General and Chief of Staff.

On motion the papers were received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE DAY

The Committee of the Day, through Em. Sir George H. Grant, reported that they had attended to the duties assigned them, and that they had made arrangements to have dinner served at Field's Point, on the Providence River, and that a steamboat had been chartered which would leave the dock at one o'clock P.M., and that tickets could be obtained of the Grand Recorder.

The following named Em. Sir Knights were registered as being present at the Semi-Annual Conclave:

St. Johns, No. 1

E. C. James B. Gay
Gen. Edward I. Mulchahey
C. Gen. John A. Tillotson
M. E. Sir Rev. H. W. Rugg, D.D.
V. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham
E. Sir Andrew J. Ferguson
E. Sir Andrew B. Eddy
E. Sir Edward M. Clarke
E. Sir John Heathcote
E. Sir Clayton A. Ballou
E. Sir Horace S. Richardson
E. Sir William E. Husband
E. Sir Frank T. Pearce

Boston, No. 2

E. Sir Leonard B. Nichols
R. E. Sir Charles I. Litchfield
E. Sir James M. Gleason
E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield
E. Sir Frederick T. Comee
E. Sir Rev. George L. Perin

Washington, No. 4

R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn
E. Sir Elbert A. Sisson
E. Sir William H. Langley
E. Sir Robert S. Franklin
E. Sir Joseph Gibson
E. Sir John H. Wetherell

Worcester County, No. 5

E. C. Fred M. Sampson
Gen. Henry A. Knight
E. Sir William W. Brown
E. Sir Francis A. Harrington
E. Sir William W. Johnson
E. Sir Matthew Gault
E. Sir Charles F. Mann
E. Sir Arthur H. Burton
E. Sir Charles A. Harrington

Springfield, No. 6

E. C. Albert E. Taylor
C. Gen. Frank D. Fuller

De Molay, No. 7

E.:C.: John W. Crooks
C.:Gen.: Edward S. Woodbury
E.:Sir Isaac Chase
E.:Sir Hammond B. Hazelwood

Holy Sepulchre, No. 8

E.:C.: Dexter S. Luther
Gen.: James E. Batty
C.:Gen.: Frederick E. Leonard
E.:Sir Frederick Taylor
E.:Sir Charles S. Foster
E.:Sir E. Percy Davis
E.:Sir Albert H. Humes
E.:Sir Henry C. Dalton
E.:Sir John F. Oldham

Pilgrim, No. 9

Gen.: Horace S. Bacon
C.:Gen.: Arthur D. Prince
E.:Sir Thomas Walsh
E.:Sir Harry G. Pollard

Palestine, No. 10

E.:Sir William Martin
E.:Sir James Gould
E.:Sir Charles H. Faunce

Milford, No. 11

Gen.: Frederick A. Gould*
C.:Gen.: Clifford A. Cook
E.:Sir Horace A. Brown
E.:Sir Charles F. Wilkinson
E.:Sir Chester L. Clark
E.:Sir George E. Stacy
E.:Sir Herbert S. Eldredge
E.:Sir Aaron H. Mayhew
E.:Sir Artemus B. Edmunds
E.:Sir Horace E. Whitney
E.:Sir DeForrest C. Morrison

St. Bernard, No. 12

E.:C.: Charles M. Green
Gen.: Richard W. Smith
C.:Gen.: Frank L. Gibson
E.:Sir Thomas W. Davis
E.:Sir Fred E. Jones

Calvary, No. 13

E.:C.: James A. Rogers
Gen.: Edward M. Wheeler
E.:Sir Arthur W. Dehnis
E.:Sir Frederick I. Dana
E.:Sir George H. Grant
E.:Sir William W. Hunt
E.:Sir Eugene D. Burt
E.:Sir Joseph H. Potter
E.:Sir Thomas L. Phillips
E.:Sir Albert L. Anthony

Haverhill, No. 14

E.:C.: William W. Appleton
R.:E.: Sir Dana J. Flanders

Old Colony, No. 15

E.:C.: William F. Bates
E.:Sir Alfred H. Nash
E.:Sir David V. Poole
E.:Sir Ernest W. Calkins
E.:Sir Charles S. Beal

Sutton, No. 16

E.:C.: Merton L. Hathaway
Gen.: Philip S. Briggs
C.:Gen.: Elton S. Wilde
E.:Sir Henry W. Mason
E.:Sir William H. Waterman
E.:Sir Charles R. Hunt
E.:Sir Alfred G. Wilbor
E.:Sir Henry N. West
E.:Sir Elisha H. Fisher
E.:Sir James S. Sherman

*Represented by proxy.

Bethany, No. 17

E.:C.: Harry Wylde
R.:E.: Sir Caleb Saunders

Winslow Lewis, No. 18

R.:E.: Sir Freeman C. Hersey
E.:Sir J. Albert Blake
E.:Sir Benjamin Cole, Jr.

Jerusalem, No. 19

E.:Sir George V. Barrett

Hugh de Payens, No. 20

E.:C.: Charles E. Marshall
C.:Gen.: Alonzo Hall*
E.:Sir Harry Hunt

St. Omer, No. 21

Gen.: Charles H. MacGarvey
C.:Gen.: William Sears
R.:E.: Sir William H. H. Soule
E.:Sir Fletcher K. Tirrell
E.:Sir Charles E. Pierce
E.:Sir Henry M. Nash

Berkshire, No. 22

E.:C.: Herbert M. Stilson
E.:Sir William E. Wilcox

Connecticut Valley, No. 23

E.:C.: Edward J. Reece

Woonsocket, No. 24

E.:C.: William Howard
Gen.: Charles W. Flagg
C.:Gen.: George H. Emmott
E.:Sir Walter S. Thayer
E.:Sir Frank H. Mills
E.:Sir Farnum B. Smith
E.:Sir Fred W. Arnold
E.:Sir Ambrose B. White
E.:Sir Frank A. Cooke

*Represented by proxy.

Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25

R.:E.: Sir John D. Munroe
E.:Sir Elmer B. Young
E.:Sir Dwight E. Cone
E.:Sir Herbert Field
E.:Sir Alfred H. Hartley
E.:Sir Judson C. Mackenzie

Joseph Warren, No. 26

Gen.: George W. Knowlton
R.:E.: Sir Herbert F. Morse
R.:E.: Sir E. Bentley Young
E.:Sir George A. Tainter
E.:Sir S. Everett Tinkham

Narragansett, No. 27

E.:C.: Fremont Nye
Gen.: Robert E. Cole*
C.:Gen.: George E. Broughton
E.:Sir Archie C. Thompson
E.:Sir Abel P. Randall

William Parkman, No. 28

E.:Sir Martin M. Hancock
E.:Sir Charles T. Witt
E.:Sir Charles A. Estey
E.:Sir James M. Simpson

Bristol, No. 29

E.:C.: Clarence M. Dunbar
C.:Gen.: Winthrop F. Barden
E.:Sir Peter Nerney
E.:Sir Edward C. Martin
E.:Sir Charles H. Parker
E.:Sir Theodore B. Hazzard

South Shore, No. 31

E.:C.: Albert W. Fay
Gen.: Arthur W. Burr
E.:Sir Eben H. Cain
E.:Sir Arthur W. Stetson

Trinity, No. 32

E.:C.: Charles H. Stevens
 Gen.: Calvin H. Hastings
 C.: Gen.: Arthur L. Crandall
 E.: Sir Amory Maynard

Natick, No. 33

E.:C.: Chester H. Eames
 C.: Gen.: James F. Higgins
 E.: Sir Luke R. Landy

Cœur de Lion, No. 34

E.: Sir Henry A. Yenetchi

Gethsemane, No. 35

E.:C.: Joseph F. Ryder
 E.: Sir William F. Jarvis

Olivet, No. 36

E.: Sir Benjamin W. Rowell

Bay State, No. 38

Gen.: Arthur L. Beals
 C.: Gen.: George A. Thatcher
 E.: Sir Albert Manley
 E.: Sir William H. Emerson
 E.: Sir Calvin R. Barrett

*Represented by proxy.

Cyprus, No. 39

E.:C.: Samuel H. Capen
 Gen.: Frank H. Tyler*
 E.: Sir Henry N. Bates
 E.: Sir Sumner Bagley

Beauseant, No. 41

E.: Sir Walter F. Medding
 E.: Sir George L. Griffin

Cambridge, No. 42

E.:C.: Howard F. Peak
 E.: Sir Charles M. Pear
 E.: Sir Francis L. Sawtell
 E.: Sir Charles O. Welch
 E.: Sir Warren P. Dudley
 E.: Sir Charles E. Hadcock

Bethlehem, No. 43

E.:C.: Aaron Cogswell
 Gen.: Herman W. Spooner
 E.: Sir Edgar S. Taft
 E.: Sir Edwin A. Bradley
 E.: Sir Conrad R. Hanson

St. George, No. 44

E.:C.: Franklin K. Hooper

Orange, No. 45

E.:C.: Fred H. Train

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The business of the Conclave having been finished, after a prayer by the Prelate, E.: and Rev. Sir George L. Perin, D.D., this One Hundred and Third Semi-Annual Conclave was declared adjourned at 11.45 o'clock A.M.

ATTEST:



Wm. Powell
 Grand Recorder.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

AND APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, assembled in the Asylum (Corinthian Hall) in Masonic Temple, corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets, in the city of Boston, Mass., Wednesday, October 20, A.D. 1909, A.O. 791, at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

R.:E.: Sir JOHN D. MUNROE Grand Commander
 V.:E.: Sir WALTER W. BURNHAM Deputy Grand Commander
 E.: Sir J. ALBERT BLAKE Grand Generalissimo
 E.: Sir LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR Grand Captain General
 E.: Sir FRANK L. NAGLE Grand Senior Warden
 E.: Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON Grand Junior Warden
 E.: Sir Rev. GEORGE L. PERIN, D.D. Grand Prelate
 R.:E.: Sir HERBERT F. MORSE Grand Treasurer
 E.: Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL Grand Recorder
 E.: Sir WALTER F. MEDDING Grand Standard Bearer
 E.: Sir FRED I. DANA Grand Sword Bearer

E..Sir JUDSON C. MACKENZIE	Grand Warder
E..Sir CHARLES E. PIERCE	Grand Captain of Guards
E..Sir HENRY H. LITCHFIELD	} Grand Lecturers
E..Sir WILLIAM H. EMERSON	
E..Sir HENRY A. YENETCHI	
E..Sir WILLIAM J. BOLTON	
E..Sir WILLIAM E. WILCOX	Grand Sentinel

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R..E..Sir Charles A. Stott	R..E..Sir Herbert F. Morse
R..E..Sir Caleb Saunders	R..E..Sir Winthrop Messenger
R..E..Sir George H. Allen	R..E..Sir Freeman C. Hersey
R..E..Sir John P. Sanborn	R..E..Sir E. Bentley Young
R..E..Sir William H. H. Soule	R..E..Sir Edwin A. Blodgett
R..E..Sir Charles I. Litchfield	

The Committee on Credentials reported that a constitutional number of subordinates were represented, whereupon the Grand Commander proceeded to open the Grand Commandery in ample form, assisted by the other Grand Officers and members present, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by E..Sir Rev. George L. Perin, D.D., Grand Prelate; after which the Grand Commander, John D. Munroe, declared the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island duly opened in ample form and ready for the despatch of business.

RECORDS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

The records of the Semi-Annual Conclave of 1909 having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was by vote dispensed with and the record as printed approved.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

R..E..Sir Freeman C. Hersey at this time announced that there was in waiting in an adjoining apartment R..E..Sir Harry R. Virgin, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine.

R..E..Sir John D. Munroe directed R..E..Sir Hersey to convey to the R..E..Sir Virgin the compliments of Grand Commandery and inform him that he would wait upon him by Committee and escort.

R..E..Sir Munroe appointed as the Committee all the Past Grand Commanders present, who retired and reentered the Asylum and presented R..E..Sir Virgin, who was received with the honors due his rank, and was most cordially welcomed.

V..E..Sir Frederick C. Thayer, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, was announced as being in waiting in the anteroom, for the purpose of officially visiting the Grand Commandery.

A Committee consisting of all the Past Grand Commanders present was appointed by the Grand Commander, who retired under escort and conveyed to the distinguished Frater the compliments of Grand Commandery, and reentered the Asylum, when the V..E..Sir Thayer was received with the honors of his rank, and most cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander. In response to the words of welcome, V..E..Sir Thayer responded, expressing his thanks for the hearty welcome accorded him.

RECEPTION TO R..E..SIR CHARLES A. STOTT

The pleasurable announcement was made that the Senior Past Grand Commander of this Jurisdiction, R..E..Sir Charles A. Stott, was present in the anteroom, when the R..E..Grand Commander requested the Past Grand Commanders present to retire and escort this beloved Frater into the Asylum. Upon the entrance of R..E..Sir Stott, he was most heartily welcomed by the Sir Knights present, and the R..E..Grand Commander extended to him the warmest congratulations of all on his recovery from his recent illness. R..E..Sir Stott responded to the words of welcome in his usual happy manner, his remarks being received by long-continued expressions of the appreciations of the Fraters at his recovery and presence at this One Hundred Fourth Conclave.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

IN GRAND COMMANDERY, October 20, 1909.

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following as entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery.

Those marked with a * are recorded as being present at this Conclave.

St. Johns, No. 1.

*E.C. Edward L. Mulcahey . . .	15 Chestnut St., Providence, R.I.
Gen. John A. Tillotson . . .	406 Ind. Trust Bldg., Providence, R.I.
*C.G. John R. Dennis . . .	Elmwood Mills, Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Spencer B. Read . . .	East Providence, R.I.
M.E. Sir Henry W. Rugg . . .	149 Princeton Ave., Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir Robert E. Dwelly . . .	Hanover, Mass.
E. Sir Newton D. Arnold . . .	231 So. Main St., Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Walter B. Vincent . . .	48 Custom House St., Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir William B. Husband . . .	71 Tanner St., Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir George H. Rhodes . . .	Taunton, Mass.
R.E. Sir George L. Shepley . . .	17 Custom House St., Providence, R.I.
E. Sir John Heathcote . . .	212 Eddy St., Providence, R.I.
E. Sir William H. Perry . . .	Box 1218, Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Forrest A. Peck . . .	26 Wilson St., Providence, R.I.
E. Sir George W. Pettis . . .	Wickford, R.I.
E. Sir Hunter C. White . . .	Box 1551, Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Andrew B. Eddy . . .	Box 661, Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir Horace S. Richardson . . .	Box 346, Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Charles C. Newell . . .	County Court House, Providence, R.I.
*R.E. Sir Walter W. Burnham . . .	City Hall, Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir Frank T. Pearce . . .	85 Sprague St., Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Edward M. Clarke . . .	404 Public St., Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Andrew J. Ferguson . . .	Callender McAuslan Troup Co., Prov., R.I.
E. Sir Henry A. Carpenter . . .	272 West Exchange St., Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir J. Fred Parker . . .	State House, Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Edwin G. Penniman . . .	Fort William, Ontario
E. Sir Joseph P. Burlingame . . .	Box 153, Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Waldo M. Place . . .	Industrial Trust Bldg., Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir Clayton A. Ballou . . .	37 Weybosset St., Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir James B. Gay . . .	Journal Office, Providence, R.I.

Boston, No. 2.

*E.C. James S. Blake . . .	376 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
Gen. Jesse E. Ames . . .	70 South Market St., Boston, Mass.
C.G. Leonard W. Ross . . .	176 Federal St., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Henry Endicott . . .	151 Brattle St., Cambridge, Mass.
R.E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence . . .	Medford, Mass.
E. Sir Frederick T. Comee . . .	Woonsocket, R.I.
*E. Sir James M. Gleason . . .	178 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Eugene A. Holton . . .	8 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Leonard B. Nichols . . .	101 Chestnut St., Boston, Mass.
*R.E. Sir Charles I. Litchfield . . .	175 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield . . .	175 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir William B. Lawrence . . .	Medford, Mass.
*E. Sir J. Gilman Waite . . .	Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.
E. Sir John H. Bowker . . .	88 Hancock St., Cambridge, Mass.
E. Sir Rinaldo B. Richardson . . .	63 Mountfort St., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Richard A. Atwood . . .	212 Border St., East Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Charles S. Damrell . . .	Old Court House, Boston, Mass.

Newburyport, No. 3.

E.C. Benjamin Pearson . . .	Byfield, Mass.
Gen. Moody B. Noyes . . .	Harris St., Newburyport, Mass.
C.G. Henry W. Little . . .	Purchase St., Newburyport, Mass.
*E. Sir William R. Johnson . . .	High St., Newburyport, Mass.
E. Sir John C. Risteen . . .	San Francisco, Cal.
E. Sir Green Davis . . .	State St., Newburyport, Mass.
E. Sir Orrin J. Gurney . . .	High St., Newburyport, Mass.
E. Sir Moses Brown . . .	Orange St., Newburyport, Mass.
E. Sir Charles F. Worthen . . .	Newburyport, Mass.
E. Sir John E. McCusker . . .	Charter St., Newburyport, Mass.
E. Sir J. Willard Ballou . . .	51 Revere St., Springfield, Mass.
*E. Sir Benjamin J. Warton . . .	Washington St., Newburyport, Mass.
*E. Sir William A. Butler . . .	Georgetown, Mass.
E. Sir William G. Fisher . . .	Newburyport, Mass.
*E. Sir George E. Collins . . .	Amesbury, Mass.
E. Sir Benjamin H. Young . . .	Amesbury, Mass.

Washington, No. 4.

E.C. Clark Burdick . . .	41 Powell Ave., Newport, R.I.
Gen. William Champion . . .	30 Kinsley Wharf, Newport, R.I.
C.G. Robert Frame . . .	3 Summer St., Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Robert S. Franklin . . .	78 Spring St., Newport, R.I.
*R.E. Sir John P. Sanborn . . .	265 Broadway, Newport, R.I.

Washington, No. 4 — Continued

E. Sir John H. Wetherell	33 Rhode Island Ave., Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Overton G. Langley	4 Cotton Court, Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Joseph W. Sampson	27 Friendship St., Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Henry C. Stevens, Jr. . . .	Newport, R.I.
E. Sir William B. Scott	Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Duncan McLean	16 Cranston Ave., Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Thatcher T. Bowler	14 Friendship St., Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Thomas J. Peirce	Wickford, R.I.
E. Sir Joseph Gibson	Bliss Road, Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Edward C. Hayward	221 Cranston St., Providence, R.I.
E. Sir William H. Langley	7 Hope St., Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Joseph Haire	52 Division St., Newport, R.I.
*E. Sir William H. Walcott	8 Park St., Newport, R.I.
E. Sir George C. Lawton	11 Central St., Newport, R.I.
*E. Sir Elbert A. Sisson	Middletown, R.I.
E. Sir Robert W. Curry	47 Washington St., Newport, R.I.

Worcester County, No. 5.

*E. C. Henry A. Knight	City Hall, Worcester, Mass.
*Gen. Arthur B. Chapin	330 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
C. G. Henry L. Green	430 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain	Summer St., Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir Francis A. Harrington	518 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Charles A. Peabody	390 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Phineas L. Rider	317 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir Robert W. Clifford	306 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Arthur H. Burton	City Hall, Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Charles F. Mann	9 Pleasant St., Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir William W. Johnson	338 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir Edward M. Woodward	736 Pleasant St., Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Edward J. Sartelle	340 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles A. Harrington	518 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir William W. Brown	370 Park Ave., Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir Fred M. Sampson	16 Crystal St., Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir Matthew Gault	City Hall, Worcester, Mass.

Springfield, No. 6.

E. C. Fred H. Weston	258 Main St., Springfield, Mass.
*Gen. Frank D. Fuller	41 Thompson St., Springfield, Mass.
C. G. Ralph N. Fowler	121 Princeton St., Springfield, Mass.
R. E. Sir Edward P. Chapin	Butte, Mont.
E. Sir Charles C. Spellman	31 Elm St., Springfield, Mass.

Springfield, No. 6 — Continued

E. Sir Orthello K. Merrill	Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Thomas T. Davee	Mass. M. L. Ins. Co., Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Edmund P. Kendrick	476 Main St., Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir G. Frank Adams	Chicopee National Bank, Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir George A. Spooner	409 Union St., Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Henrie A. Prouty	34 Lyman St., Springfield, Mass.
*R. E. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett	Albany St., Springfield, Mass.
*E. Sir Samuel D. Sherwood	307 Main St., Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Thomas C. Hawks	76 Byers St., Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Charles W. Scott	95 Westminster St., Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Robert F. Warren	31 Hampden St., Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Charles F. Spellman	31 Elm St., Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Albert E. Taylor	Chicopee Falls, Mass.

De Molay, No. 7.

*E. C. Roland O. Lamb	178 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
Gen. Edwin S. Woodbury	135 Lincoln St., Boston, Mass.
C. G. Charles W. Kidder	239 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir William F. Davis	Farnham Ct. and Girard St., Roxbury, Mass.
E. Sir Charles B. Lancaster	Thayer St., Brookline, Mass.
*E. Sir George T. Ambrose	Hotel Dunbar, Roxbury, Mass.
E. Sir Henry G. Jordan	75 State St., Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Frank T. Dwinell	10 Park St., Brookline, Mass.
E. Sir William F. Chester	55 Haverhill St., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Henry K. Dunton	25 Washington Place, New York, N.Y.
E. Sir Edwin B. Holmes	600 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Frank W. Mead	17 Milk St., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Edward L. Rugg	172 High St., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Oscar A. Shepard	83 Commercial St., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Charles T. C. Whitcomb	81 Ash St., Brockton, Mass.
*E. Sir Isaac Chase	157 Main St., Cambridge, Mass.
*E. Sir Hammond B. Hazelwood	341 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.
E. Sir John W. Crooks	40 Farnsworth St., Boston, Mass.

Holy Sepulchre, No. 8.

*E. C. James E. Batty	300 High St., Valley Falls, R.I.
Gen. Frederick E. Leonard	47 Illinois St., Central Falls, R.I.
C. G. George A. Stiness	123 Clay St., Central Falls, R.I.
E. Sir George A. Sweet	Central Falls, R.I.
E. Sir James M. Bishop	Fountain St., Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir Clovis H. Bowen	Pawtucket, R.I.

Holy Sepulchre, No. 8 — Continued

E. Sir Robert W. Horton	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir John F. Street	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir W. Howard Walker	Custom House St., Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Horatio A. Brown	Riverside, R.I.
E. Sir George C. Stillman	Central Falls, R.I.
E. Sir Isaac Gill	55 High St., Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir Charles E. Harrison	20 Orchard St., Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir Frederick Taylor	Cottage St., Pawtucket, R.I.
*E. Sir Arthur B. Tyler	40 Highland St., Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir S. Willard Thayer	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir John F. Clark	Valley Falls, R.I.
E. Sir Charles S. Foster	40 Hawes St., Pawtucket, R.I.
*E. Sir Henry C. Dexter	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir John F. Oldham	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir Ferdinand Bray	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir William W. Curtis	141 Milk St., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Samuel E. Carpenter	Lonsdale, R.I.
*E. Sir Albert H. Humes	Pawtucket, R.I.
*E. Sir E. Percy Davis	25 Columbia Road, Dorchester, Mass.
E. Sir Dexter S. Luther	Central Falls, R.I.
E. Sir Elmer E. Lent	Central Falls, R.I.

Pilgrim, No. 9.

*E. C. Frederick W. Farnham	60 Marlborough St., Lowell, Mass.
Gen. Horace S. Bacon	107 Stevens St., Lowell, Mass.
*C. G. Arthur D. Prince	1 Simpson St., Lowell, Mass.
*R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott	173 Nesmith St., Lowell, Mass.
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E. Sir Herbert C. Taft	22 Burt St., Lowell, Mass.
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E. Sir Artemus B. Edmunds	Milford, Mass.
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E. Sir Charles F. Wilkinson	Milford, Mass.
*E. Sir DeForrest C. Morrison	Milford, Mass.
*E. Sir Aaron H. Mayhew	Milford, Mass.
E. Sir Lowell E. Fales	Milford, Mass.
*E. Sir Chester L. Clark	Milford, Mass.
E. Sir Herbert S. Eldredge	Milford, Mass.
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*E. Sir J. Foster Bush	651 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Isaac H. Locke	Belmont, Mass.
E. Sir Fred E. Jones	20 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles E. Phipps	30 Chauncy St., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Herbert Austin	102 North St., Boston, Mass.
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E. Sir Robert J. Dunkle	108 Water St., Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Everett C. Benton	65 Kilby St., Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Edmund B. Cowles	85 Water St., Boston, Mass.
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*E. Sir Charles M. Green	78 Marlboro St., Boston, Mass.

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E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew	Providence, R.I.
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R. E. Sir George H. Kenyon	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Cyril A. Babcock	Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir Albert L. Anthony	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Spencer B. Hopkins	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Frank S. Congdon	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Frederick G. Stiles	Providence, R.I.
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E. Sir Thomas L. Phillips	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Thomas W. Penny	Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir Joseph H. Potter	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Joseph Baker, Jr.	Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir George H. Grant	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Rogers G. Young	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Robert L. Spencer	Providence, R.I.
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*E. Sir Frederick I. Dana	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir William W. Hunt	East Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir James A. Rogers	Providence, R.I.

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*E. Sir James L. Sherman . . .	New Bedford, Mass.
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*E. Sir William Fisher . . .	115 Newbury St., Lawrence, Mass.
*E. Sir Smith M. Decker . . .	274 Haverhill St., Lawrence, Mass.
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*E. Sir Albert F. Dow	154 Belmont St., Fall River, Mass.
E. Sir Robert N. Hathaway	95 Cottage St., Fall River, Mass.
*E. Sir Herbert Field	192 Waterman St., Providence, R.I.
E. Sir James E. McCreery	612 Maple St., Fall River, Mass.
*E. Sir Judson C. MacKenzie	183 Belmont St., Fall River, Mass.
E. Sir Abbott E. Slade	863 High St., Fall River, Mass.
*R. E. Sir John D. Munroe	297 Belmont St., Fall River, Mass.
E. Sir John M. Davis	118 High St., Fall River, Mass.
E. Sir David J. Burdick	36 Bedford St., Fall River, Mass.
E. Sir Herbert S. Weeden	628 Robeson St., Fall River, Mass.
E. Sir Elmer B. Young	118 High St., Fall River, Mass.
E. Sir Samuel E. Hathaway	274 Prospect St., Fall River, Mass.
E. Sir Henry Ashworth	835 Hanover St., Fall River, Mass.
*E. Sir Walter F. Shove	194 Belmont St., Fall River, Mass.
E. Sir James W. Anthony	863 High St., Fall River, Mass.
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*R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse	479 Blue Hill Ave., Roxbury, Mass.
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*E. Sir John W. Hall	8 Hillside St., Roxbury, Mass.

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*Gen. George E. Broughton	Moss St., Westerly, R.I.
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E. Sir Archie C. Thompson	19 Stanton St., Westerly, R.I.
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*E. Sir Abel P. Randall	4 Spring St., Westerly, R.I.
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*E. Sir Charles A. Estey	96 Falcon St., East Boston, Mass.
E. Sir John W. Dicker	82 Marion St., East Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles E. Lindergreen . . .	Court Park, Winthrop, Mass.
*E. Sir Ellsworth Hathaway	293 Meridian St., East Boston, Mass.
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E. Sir Albert B. Dunham	95 Fremont St., Winthrop, Mass.

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*C. G. Winthrop F. Barden	Attleboro, Mass.

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E. Sir Alfred R. Crosby	Attleboro, Mass.
E. Sir George H. Sykes	Attleboro, Mass.
E. Sir Henry H. Curtis	North Attleboro, Mass.
*E. Sir William S. Metcalf	Plainville, Mass.
E. Sir E. Palmer Jewett	Foxboro, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles H. Parker	North Attleboro, Mass.
E. Sir Charles W. Bemis	Foxboro, Mass.
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*C. G. Will N. Doane	Northampton, Mass.
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E. Sir Lemuel B. Field	Leeds, Mass.
E. Sir Samuel W. Lee	Leeds, Mass.
E. Sir John A. Sullivan	Northampton, Mass.
*E. Sir Louis L. Campbell	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir Eugene E. Davis	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir Charles H. Chase	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir George R. Turner	Northampton, Mass.
*E. Sir Frank E. Davis	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir Harry E. Bicknell	Northampton, Mass.
*E. Sir George H. Page	Wilmington, Mass.

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*Gen. Henry P. Fernald	Quincy, Mass.
*C. G. Francis A. Bicknell	North Weymouth, Mass.
*E. Sir William S. Wallace	Weymouth, Mass.
E. Sir George Cushing	Hingham, Mass.
*E. Sir T. John Evans	East Weymouth, Mass.
E. Sir Francis A. Bicknell	North Weymouth, Mass.
*E. Sir David J. Pierce	Weymouth, Mass.
*E. Sir Eben H. Cain	18 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Arthur W. Stetson	Quincy, Mass.
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*C. G. Arthur L. Cundall	Hudson, Mass.
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E. Sir J. Frank Childs	Marlboro, Mass.
E. Sir Silas W. Hale	Hudson, Mass.
E. Sir Joel M. Pettingill	Hudson, Mass.
E. Sir Fred O. Welsh	Hudson, Mass.
*E. Sir Stevens A. Holt	Hudson, Mass.
*E. Sir Adelbert M. Mossman . . .	Hudson, Mass.
*E. Sir Amory Maynard	Maynard, Mass.
E. Sir Freeman A. Morse	Hudson, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles A. Bartlett	Clinton, Mass.
*E. Sir Fred S. Rowell	Hudson, Mass.

Natick, No. 33.

*E. C. Luther E. Cowles	P.O. Box 2960, Boston, Mass.
*Gen. James F. Higgins	South Framingham, Mass.
C. G. Albert Perry	Natick, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles H. Child	Natick, Mass.
E. Sir Charles P. Knowlton . . .	South Framingham, Mass.
E. Sir Frank B. Tilton	Natick, Mass.
E. Sir William C. Bellam	Everett, Mass.
E. Sir William E. Rollins	Natick, Mass.
E. Sir Marcellus C. Cloudman . .	149 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, Mass.
E. Sir James Downs	Natick, Mass.
E. Sir Frank B. Twitchell	Natick, Mass.
E. Sir John J. Van Valkenburgh .	South Framingham, Mass.
E. Sir Willard W. Wight	Wellesley Hills, Mass.
E. Sir Stephen W. Holmes	N.E. National Bank, Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Frank E. Parlin	Wollaston, Mass.
*E. Sir Arthur L. Jacobs	Wellesley, Mass.
E. Sir William E. Chenery	Framingham, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles C. Henry	Wellesley Hills, Mass.
E. Sir Frank A. Bean	Columbus, Ohio
E. Sir Harry M. Ferguson	Natick, Mass.
E. Sir John W. Robinson	Natick, Mass.
*E. Sir Luke R. Landy	43 Bailey St., Dorchester Center, Mass.
E. Sir Thomas W. Ferguson . . .	Wellesley, Mass.
E. Sir Chester H. Eames	South Framingham, Mass.

Cœur de Lion, No. 34.

- *E..C..Oscar G. Sargent 36 Cedar St., Somerville, Mass.
 Gen..Herbert G. Nickerson . . . 18B Broadway, Somerville, Mass.
 C..G..Hopkins H. Meloon Tufts College, Mass.
 E..Sir William Patterson Dresden, Me.
 E..Sir William T. Rowe 14 Medford St., Boston, Mass.
 E..Sir Charles O. Fox 473 Auburn St., Auburndale, Mass.
 E..Sir George F. Mullett Malden, Mass.
 E..Sir Joel C. Bolan Richmond Court, Brookline, Mass.
 E..Sir William H. Cushman . . . Mechanic Falls, Me.
 E..Sir John H. Studley, Jr. . . . Malden, Mass.
 *E..Sir Henry A. Yenetchi 104 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
 *E..Sir Lewis M. Woodbridge . . . 162 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

Gethsemane, No. 35.

- *E..C..William E. Peterson . . . Waltham, Mass.
 Gen..William L. Church Newton Centre, Mass.
 *C..G..E. P. Hatch 69 Highland Ave., Newtonville, Mass.
 E..Sir Moses Clark, Jr. 6 Orchard St., Newton, Mass.
 E..Sir James B. Fuller Brighton, Mass.
 E..Sir Henry J. Preston Newtonville, Mass.
 E..Sir Albert L. Harwood Newton Centre, Mass.
 *E..Sir Lewis E. Binney Newtonville, Mass.
 E..Sir George T. Coppins Newton, Mass.
 E..Sir George Breeden Newtonville, Mass.
 E..Sir Frank K. Porter Waltham, Mass.
 E..Sir Clarence Tebbets Waltham, Mass.
 E..Sir Samuel Shaw Newton Highlands, Mass.
 *E..Sir Frank L. Nagle Newtonville, Mass.
 *E..Sir Edmund G. Pond Needham, Mass.
 *E..Sir William F. Jarvis Waltham, Mass.
 *E..Sir J. Franklin Rider 161 Grove St., Auburndale, Mass.

Olivet, No. 36.

- *E..C..John M. Nelson Lynn, Mass.
 *Gen..William D. Brown Lynn, Mass.
 C..G..Josiah P. Croscup Lynn, Mass.
 E..Sir John Shaw, 2d Peabody, Mass.
 E..Sir Nathan B. Fletcher Lynn, Mass.
 *R..E..Sir George H. Allen Lynn, Mass.
 E..Sir Robert L. Almy Salem, Mass.
 E..Sir John M. Vannard Lynn, Mass.

Olivet, No. 36 — Continued

- *E..Sir Benjamin W. Rowell . . . Lynn, Mass.
 R..E..Sir George E. Hilton . . . Lynn, Mass.
 E..Sir Rufus E. Hilliard Lynn, Mass.
 E..Sir Charles A. Alley Lynn, Mass.
 E..Sir Thomas W. Rogers Lynn, Mass.
 E..Sir Frank P. Bubier Lynn, Mass.
 *E..Sir Amos F. Chase Lynn, Mass.
 *E..Sir Charles J. Philbrook . . . Lynn, Mass.
 *E..Sir Addison L. Osborne . . . Lynn, Mass.

Athol, No. 37.

- *E..C..Fred Wyatt Lord 427 Main St., Athol, Mass.
 Gen..Albert Washington Amsden . 84 Wallingford Ave., Athol, Mass.
 C..G..Ernest Wells Taylor . . . 159 Cottage St., Athol, Mass.
 *E..Sir James H. Waite Malden, Mass.
 E..Sir Lucian Lord 385 Main St., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir William H. Heustis 311 Crescent St., Athol, Mass.
 *E..Sir George H. Foye 374 Main St., Athol, Mass.
 *E..Sir Othello A. Fay Station A, Athol, Mass.
 *E..Sir George W. Bishop 489 Walnut St., Newtonville, Mass.
 E..Sir Henrie C. Fay 501 Main St., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir Charles H. Forbes 429 School St., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir Edmund C. Shepardson . . . 122 Riverbend St., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir Henry W. Harris 61 Congress St., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir Frank E. Wing 251 Union St., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir James F. Whitcomb 51 Summer St., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir Edgar V. Wilson 89 Ridge Ave., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir Will S. Hinman 459 School St., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir Cyrus M. Peirce P.O. Box 935, Athol, Mass.
 *E..Sir Frederick H. Lee 1477 Main St., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir Everard B. Hanson South Royalston, Mass.
 *E..Sir Frank A. Ball 373 School St., Athol, Mass.
 *E..Sir William J. Bolton 376 Main St., Athol, Mass.
 E..Sir Parke B. Swift 50 Newton St., Athol, Mass.

Bay State, No. 38.

- *E..C..Herbert L. Tinkham . . . 417 West Elm St., Brockton, Mass.
 *Gen..Arthur L. Beals 106 Main St., Brockton, Mass.
 *C..G..George A. Thatcher 101 Main St., Brockton, Mass.
 E..Sir Edward Parker 158 Belmont St., Brockton, Mass.
 E..Sir Baalis Sanford 73 Main St., Brockton, Mass.
 E..Sir Elmer W. Walker 80 Ward St., Brockton, Mass.

Bay State, No. 38 — Continued

- E. Sir George F. Walker Stoughton, Mass.
 *E. Sir David W. Battles 106 Main St., Brockton, Mass.
 E. Sir John A. Jackson 294 Pleasant St., Brockton, Mass.
 E. Sir Francis E. Shaw 261 Centre St., Brockton, Mass.
 E. Sir Ira F. Burnham Stoughton, Mass.
 *E. Sir Myron L. Keith 16 Paain St., Campello, Mass.
 *E. Sir William H. Emerson . . . 12 Carl Place, Brockton, Mass.
 *E. Sir Albert Manley Brockton, Mass.
 *E. Sir Calvin R. Barrett 53 Weston St., Brockton, Mass.

Cyprus, No. 39.

- *E. C. Samuel H. Capen Dedham, Mass.
 *Gen. Frank G. Tyler Hyde Park, Mass.
 C. G. Irving C. Webster Hyde Park, Mass.
 E. Sir Henry S. Bunton Hyde Park, Mass.
 E. Sir George F. Lincoln 2 Brown Place, Jamaica Plain, Mass.
 *E. Sir Melville P. Morrell Gleasondale, Mass.
 E. Sir Henry N. Bates Box 1157, Boston, Mass.
 E. Sir George L. Lang Chattanooga, Tenn.
 *E. Sir Albert G. Webb Medford, Mass.
 E. Sir George Miles Hyde Park, Mass.
 E. Sir G. Walter Capen 179 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
 E. Sir Frank D. Brigham Hyde Park, Mass.
 *E. Sir William H. Barritt Hyde Park, Mass.
 E. Sir Alexander G. Childs . . . 28 Thetford Ave., Dorchester, Mass.
 E. Sir Prince W. Taylor Hyde Park, Mass.
 *E. Sir Sumner Bagley Norwood, Mass.

St. Paul, No. 40.

- *E. C. Henry C. Rand North Adams, Mass.
 Gen. John A. DeCamp Williamstown, Mass.
 C. G. Arthur A. Hall Adams, Mass.
 E. Sir George F. Miller North Adams, Mass.
 E. Sir Hobart C. Tower North Adams, Mass.
 E. Sir William Blythe North Adams, Mass.
 E. Sir Edward M. Meekins . . . North Adams, Mass.
 E. Sir George French North Adams, Mass.
 E. Sir Frederick W. Reed North Adams, Mass.
 E. Sir Everett E. Reade South Hadley Falls, Mass.
 E. Sir Harvey A. Gallup North Adams, Mass.
 E. Sir Robert A. Thompson . . . North Adams, Mass.

Beauseant, No. 41.

- E. C. Willis I. Foss 17 Pleasant St., Malden, Mass.
 *Gen. Harry P. Ballard 12 Glen St., Malden, Mass.
 C. G. George A. Chisholm . . . 37 Clarendon St., Malden, Mass.
 E. Sir T. Frederick Martin . . . 168 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 E. Sir Frederick T. Hawley . . . 71 Sudbury St., Boston, Mass.
 E. Sir George L. Griffin 404 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
 E. Sir Albert L. Decatur 11 Laurel St., Malden, Mass.
 E. Sir Edwin A. Kelley Bremen, Me.
 *E. Sir William J. Hobbs 33 Converse Ave., Malden, Mass.
 *E. Sir Walter F. Medding 186 Ferry St., Malden, Mass.
 E. Sir Thomas P. Blake Box 3, Charlestown, Mass.
 E. Sir Frederic L. Putnam . . . 288 Main St., Melrose, Mass.
 *E. Sir Charles E. Prior 82 Summer St., Malden, Mass.
 E. Sir Charles L. Davenport . . 170 State St., Boston, Mass.
 E. Sir Arthur W. Walker 31 Union St., Boston, Mass.
 *E. Sir Marion V. Putnam Cliftondale, Mass.

Cambridge, No. 42.

- *E. C. Howard F. Peak 54 Hammond St., Cambridge, Mass.
 Gen. Charles R. Putnam 120 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.
 *C. G. Walter C. Wardwell . . . 465 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass.
 *E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair Tremont Bldg., Boston, Mass.
 E. Sir Charles O. Welch 15 Woodbridge St., Cambridge, Mass.
 *E. Sir Charles M. Pear 156 Line St., Cambridge, Mass.
 E. Sir John G. Thorogood Riverside Press, Cambridge, Mass.
 *E. Sir Francis L. Sawtell 22 Magazine St., Cambridge, Mass.
 E. Sir Charles J. Morse 328 Harvard St., Cambridge, Mass.
 *E. Sir Warren P. Dudley State House, Boston, Mass.
 *E. Sir R. Walter Hilliard 71 Kilby St., Boston, Mass.
 *E. Sir Charles E. Hadcock . . . 46A Dana St., Cambridge, Mass.
 E. Sir Alfred B. Parker Centre Tuftonboro, N.H.

Bethlehem, No. 43.

- *E. C. Aaron Cogswell Essex, Mass.
 Gen. Herman W. Spooner Gloucester, Mass.
 C. G. George D. Rogers Gloucester, Mass.
 E. Sir Edgar S. Taft Gloucester, Mass.
 E. Sir Edwin A. Bradley Gloucester, Mass.
 E. Sir David S. Presson Gloucester, Mass.
 E. Sir William A. Homans . . . Gloucester, Mass.
 E. Sir Conrad R. Hanson . . . Gloucester, Mass.
 E. Sir Fred A. Fisher Gloucester, Mass.
 *E. Sir William E. Parsons . . . Gloucester, Mass.
 E. Sir H. Bert Knowles Gloucester, Mass.

St. George, No. 44.

E. C. George S. Sinnicks . . . Manchester, Mass.
 *Gen. J. Ellis Nightingale . . . Danvers, Mass.
 C. G. Clifford R. Woodberry . . . Beverly, Mass.
 E. Sir Clarence O. Hood . . . Beverly, Mass.
 E. Sir Samuel A. F. Whipple . . . 29 Troy St., Boston, Mass.
 *E. Sir Robert K. Sears . . . Danvers, Mass.
 E. Sir John F. Hill . . . Beverly, Mass.
 *E. Sir Wallace P. Hood . . . Danvers, Mass.
 E. Sir William Stopford . . . Beverly, Mass.
 *E. Sir Arthur W. Beckford . . . Danvers, Mass.
 E. Sir Lawrence L. Woodberry . . . Beverly, Mass.
 *E. Sir Franklin K. Hooper . . . Manchester, Mass.

Orange, No. 45.

E. C. Sir Arthur J. Berry . . . Orange, Mass.
 †Gen. Edwin R. Gray . . . Orange, Mass.
 *C. G. Arlan M. Spencer . . . Orange, Mass.
 E. Sir Henry A. Powers . . . Orange, Mass.
 E. Sir George A. Drake . . . Orange, Mass.
 E. Sir Warren M. King . . . Northampton, Mass.
 E. Sir George F. Smith . . . Orange, Mass.
 E. Sir Dexter L. Crandall . . . Orange, Mass.
 E. Sir Edward Dixon . . . Orange, Mass.
 E. Sir Fred H. Train . . . Orange, Mass.

Ivanhoe, No. 46.

E. C. Fred L. Butler . . . 60 School St., Gardner, Mass.
 Gen. Charles N. Edgell . . . 2 Cross St., Gardner, Mass.
 C. G. Charles H. Hartshorn . . . 15 Reservoir St., Gardner, Mass.
 E. Sir John D. Edgell . . . 98 Elm St., Gardner, Mass.
 E. Sir Arthur P. Derby . . . 41 Central St., Gardner, Mass.
 E. Sir Charles A. Cowee . . . 41 Edgell St., Gardner, Mass.
 E. Sir George E. Walker . . . 64 Peabody St., Gardner, Mass.
 E. Sir Volney H. Howe . . . 27 Green St., Gardner, Mass.

Courteously submitted,

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†By Proxy.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER FOR 1909

Boston, October 20, 1909.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Your Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following annual report of the transactions of his office:

Eight days after the close of the Annual Conclave of 1908 the Proceedings were printed and distributed as follows:

One copy was sent by mail to the address of each member of this Grand Commandery, viz., seven hundred and eighty-five copies; one copy to each Recorder of the subordinate Commanderies, viz., forty-six copies; three copies to the Grand Records of sister Grand Commanderies, and three copies to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, also one copy to the public libraries of the States and nation.

The printed Proceedings of the Semi-Annual Conclave of 1909 are ready for distribution at this Conclave.

ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

The Annual Returns of this Grand Commander to the Grand Encampment of the United States, together with the annual tax due from this Grand Commandery, amounting to \$806.65, were forwarded to the Grand Recorder, E. Sir John A. Gerow, June 18, 1909, and the receipt of the same has been duly acknowledged.

ARCHIVES

The archives of this Grand Commandery in the library room of the office of your Grand Recorder are in excellent condition, and have been increased during the year by Proceedings from sister Grand Commanderies, and now contain 540 bound volumes and more than 3,000 pamphlets.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

The annual returns of the subordinate Commanderies in this Jurisdiction were received in constitutional time.

STATISTICS

The following tabulated statement is the work of the Templar year ending September 30, 1909, and shows the following results:

Gains

Knighted	820
Affiliated	37
Restored	8
Total gains	865

Losses

Dimitted	102
Suspended	64
Expelled	3
Died	291
Total loss	460
Making a gain for the year of	405
The Membership is now	16,529

All the Commanderies have made gains with the exception of

Springfield, No. 6
 Milford, No. 11
 Saint Paul, No. 40
 Bethlehem, No. 43

TEMPLARS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD

The whole number of Knights Templars in the United States is, as compiled from the latest reports, 191,682, and in the world, 201,517.

From these tables it will be found that the sources of Gains and Losses have been as follows:

Gains

Knighted	14,043
Affiliated	1,949
Restored	477
Total gain	16,469

Losses

Dimitted	2,646
Suspended	1,912
Expelled	46
Died	2,948
Total losses	7,552
Making a net gain of	8,917

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY	DATE OF CHARTER	TIME OF MEETING	DATE OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE
St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.....	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Mon. in each month	1st Monday in October
Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.....	Mar. 3, 1806	3d Wed. in each month.	3d Wednesday in Oct.
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 12, 1808	3d Thurs. in each month	3d Thursday in Sept.
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.....	June 7, 1814	3d Wed. in each month.	3d Wednesday in Sept.
Worcester County..	5	Worcester, Mass.....	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thurs. in each month	1st Thursday in Oct.
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass....	June 19, 1826	1st Mon. in each month	1st Monday in Oct.
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.....	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wed. in each month	4th Wednesday in Sept.
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.....	Sept. 25, 1849	3d Fri. in each month..	4th Friday in June
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.....	Oct. 10, 1855	1st Wed. after full moon each month.....	Reg. Conclave in Oct.
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.....	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wed. in each month.	Reg. Conclave in Oct.
Millford.....	11	Millford, Mass.....	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Mon. in each month	4th Monday in Sept.
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wed. in each month.	2d Wednesday in Oct.
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.....	May 22, 1860	3d Tues. in each month	3d Tuesday in Sept.
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.....	May 12, 1863	2d Tues. in each month.	2d Tuesday in Oct.
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.....	Oct. 26, 1863	1st Mon. following full moon each month...	Stated Conclave in Sept.
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.	May 5, 1864	1st Thurs. in each month	1st Thursday in Oct.
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.....	Oct. 28, 1864	Last Mon. in each month	Last Monday in Sept.
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.....	Mar. 3, 1865	3d Thurs. in each month	3d Thursday in Oct.
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.....	Mar. 8, 1865	3d Thurs. in each month	3d Thursday in Sept.
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.....	Mar. 27, 1865	2d Wed. in each month.	2d Wednesday in Sept.
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass....	Sept. 30, 1865	3d Mon. in each month.	3d Monday in Oct.
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.....	Dec. 22, 1865	2d Mon. in each month.	2d Monday in Oct.
Connecticut Valley..	23	Greenfield, Mass.....	Dec. 22, 1866	1st Tues. in each month	1st Tuesday in Oct.
Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.....	Jan. 31, 1867	2d Tues. in each month.	2d Tuesday in Oct.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass....	May 29, 1868	3d Wed. in each month.	3d Wednesday in Sept.
Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.....	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Mon. in each month	1st Monday in June
Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.....	May 12, 1869	1st Wed. in each month	1st Wednesday in Oct.
William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass....	May 12, 1870	2d Thurs. in each month	2d Thursday in Oct.
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.....	May 28, 1870	1st Fri. in each month..	Stated Conclave in Sept.
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass..	June 2, 1870	2d Mon. in each month.	2d Monday in Sept.
South Shore.....	31	E. Weymouth, Mass..	June 9, 1870	2d Mon. in each month.	Reg. Conclave in Sept.
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.....	April 8, 1871	3d Wed. in each month.	Reg. Conclave in Sept.
Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.....	April 12, 1871	2d Mon. in each month.	2d Monday in Sept.
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass....	Oct. 14, 1871	3d Tues. in each month.	3d Tuesday in Nov.
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass....	May 20, 1872	4th Tues. in each month	4th Tuesday in June
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.....	Mar. 13, 1873	1st Wed. in each month	1st Wednesday in Oct.
Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.....	June 7, 1873	1st Wed. in each month	1st Wednesday in Sept.
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.....	Sept. 13, 1873	3d Mon. in each month.	3d Monday in Sept.
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.....	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thurs. in each month	4th Thursday in Sept.
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass..	Jan. 19, 1882	2d Fri. in each month..	2d Friday in Sept.
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.....	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Mon. in each month	4th Monday in Sept.
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.....	May 28, 1890	4th Tues. in each month	4th Tuesday in Sept.
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.....	Oct. 29, 1890	2d Mon. in each month.	2d Monday in Sept.
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.....	Mar. 19, 1892	2d Thurs. in each month	2d Thursday in Oct.
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.....	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Fri. in each month	Last Friday in Sept.
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.....	Oct. 31, 1896	2d Thurs. in each month	2d Thursday in Sept.

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY	Knighted	Affiliated	Restored	Suspended	Dismissed	Expelled	Died	No. of Members in 1908	No. of Members in 1909	Gain	Loss
St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.....	41	1	...	...	...	...	15	868	895	27	...
Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.....	48	2	1	...	7	...	18	1,024	1,050	26	...
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass..	9	...	...	2	...	...	2	209	214	5	...
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.....	11	1	1	...	1	...	6	197	203	6	...
Worcester County..	5	Worcester, Mass.....	19	...	1	1	2	...	14	622	625	3	...
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass....	23	...	1	4	4	...	18	843	841	...	2
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.....	33	1	...	4	5	...	18	858	865	7	...
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.....	12	1	...	4	1	...	2	334	346	6	...
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.....	17	...	...	...	2	...	9	448	454	6	...
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.....	12	1	...	...	2	...	7	308	312	4	...
Millford.....	11	Millford, Mass.....	7	...	...	...	4	...	7	241	237	...	4
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	8	4	...	...	1	...	8	105	108	3	...
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.....	24	...	...	2	1	...	9	542	554	12	...
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.....	20	3	1	1	1	...	6	280	296	16	...
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.....	17	...	...	...	3	...	4	219	229	10	...
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass..	16	...	...	...	1	...	10	407	412	5	...
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.....	15	...	...	...	2	...	12	361	362	1	...
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.....	15	...	3	5	...	...	5	256	258	2	...
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass....	15	2	...	1	...	...	5	305	315	10	...
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.....	15	...	...	...	1	...	9	479	484	5	...
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass....	23	...	...	3	...	...	9	323	329	6	...
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.....	23	1	...	...	5	...	2	228	250	22	...
Connecticut Valley..	23	Greenfield, Mass....	17	...	...	...	...	...	5	218	230	12	...
Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.....	13	...	1	1	3	...	7	342	345	3	...
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass....	24	1	...	...	...	...	7	328	346	18	...
Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.....	25	1	...	4	6	...	6	494	505	11	...
Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.....	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	159	164	5	...
William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass....	14	...	2	...	4	...	3	322	331	9	...
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.....	10	2	...	...	2	...	1	266	275	9	...
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass..	20	2	...	8	1	...	2	196	207	11	...
South Shore.....	31	E. Weymouth, Mass..	30	...	...	1	1	...	6	330	352	22	...
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.....	19	1	...	...	5	...	5	265	275	10	...
Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.....	8	1	...	...	1	2	...	203	207	4	...
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass....	30	1	...	5	5	...	7	543	557	14	...
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass....	20	4	...	2	15	...	5	393	395	2	...
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.....	30	1	...	...	1	...	5	338	363	25	...
Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.....	15	...	...	1	4	...	...	149	159	10	...
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.....	16	...	...	5	...	...	7	434	438	2	...
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.....	16	1	...	4	5	...	3	289	294	5	...
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass..	6	...	...	...	3	...	5	206	204	...	2
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.....	20	2	...	...	...	...	7	341	356	15	...
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.....	31	2	...	3	3	...	6	366	387	21	...
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.....	3	...	...	2	2	...	1	125	123	...	2
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.....	9	...	...	2	1	...	3	134	137	3	...
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.....	7	...	...	3	...	...	...	130	134	4	...
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.....	10	...	...	...	...	...	3	105	112	7	...
Totals.....	...	...	820	37	8	64	102	3	291	16,133	16,529	405	10

NUMERICAL STANDING OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, OCTOBER 20, 1908

Numerical Order	COMMANDERY	Number	LOCATION	Members
1	Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.....	1,050
2	St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.....	895
3	De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.....	865
4	Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass.....	841
5	Worcester County.....	5	Worcester, Mass.....	625
6	Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass.....	557
7	Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.....	554
8	Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.....	505
9	Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.....	484
10	Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.....	454
11	Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.....	438
12	Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.....	412
13	Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass.....	395
14	Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.....	387
15	Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.....	363
16	Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.....	362
17	Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.....	356
18	South Shore.....	31	Weymouth, Mass.....	352
19	Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Fall River, Mass.....	346
20	Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.....	345
21	Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.....	340
22	William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass.....	331
23	St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass.....	329
24	Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.....	315
25	Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.....	312
26	Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.....	296
27	Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.....	294
28	Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.....	275
28	Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.....	275
29	Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.....	258
30	Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.....	250
31	Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.....	237
32	Connecticut Valley.....	23	Greenfield, Mass.....	230
33	Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.....	229
34	Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.....	214
35	Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.....	207
35	Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass.....	207
36	St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.....	204
37	Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.....	203
38	Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.....	164
39	Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.....	159
40	St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.....	137
41	Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.....	134
42	Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.....	123
43	Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.....	112
44	St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	108
Total.....				16,529

TABLE OF AMOUNTS PAID BY COMMANDERIES FOR ANNUAL DUES FOR 1909

COMMANDERY	No.	Amount Paid	Gain over 1908	Loss over 1908
St. Johns.....	1	\$433 75		\$33 25
Boston.....	2	522 50	\$66 50	
Newburyport.....	3	98 50		3 75
Washington.....	4	105 75	46 50	
Worcester County.....	5	251 25		94 25
Springfield.....	6	325 25		80 50
De Molay.....	7	381 25		63 25
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	125 00		38 50
Pilgrim.....	9	243 50	41 00	
Palestine.....	10	148 00		4 00
Milford.....	11	89 25		11 00
St. Bernard.....	12	67 00	25 75	
Calvary.....	13	259 50		112 00
Haverhill.....	14	174 00	59 00	
Old Colony.....	15	142 25	27 50	
Sutton.....	16	188 00		23 75
Bethany.....	17	165 50	15 25	
Winslow Lewis.....	18	139 50	20 50	
Jerusalem.....	19	153 00	32 50	
Hugh de Payens.....	20	196 00	36 25	
St. Omer.....	21	197 25	37 25	
Berkshire.....	22	171 50	71 50	
Connecticut Valley.....	23	142 50	58 00	
Woonsocket.....	24	151 25		94 25
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	200 50		5 00
Joseph Warren.....	26	236 25		2 25
Narragansett.....	27	61 00		13 25
William Parkman.....	28	167 75	32 25	
Bristol.....	29	119 75		17 75
Northampton.....	30	151 75	67 75	
South Shore.....	31	238 00	55 50	
Trinity.....	32	163 75	51 50	
Natick.....	33	91 75	11 00	
Cœur de Lion.....	34	274 25		76 50
Gethsemane.....	35	198 75	25 50	
Olivet.....	36	225 75	71 75	
Athol.....	37	114 25	2 50	
Bay State.....	38	189 50		29 00
Cyprus.....	39	148 50	1 25	
St. Paul.....	40	81 00		90 50
Beauseant.....	41	189 00	48 75	
Cambridge.....	42	246 75		69 75
Bethlehem.....	43	45 75		20 50
St. George.....	44	79 25	75	
Orange.....	45	68 50	1 00	
Ivanhoe.....	46	78 00	6 25	
Totals.....		\$8,239 00	\$913 25	\$883 00

STATISTICAL TABLE OF GRAND COMMANDERIES OF THE ORDER

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	YEAR	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	Number Knighted	Number Affiliated	Number Restored	Number Dimitted	Number Suspended	Number Expelled	Number Died	Number of Subordinates	Number of Members	Gain over Last Report
Alabama.....	1909	Nov. 29, 1860	203	56	12	43	27	...	12	17	1,013	189
Arizona.....	1908	Nov. 16, 1893	32	1	1	7	5	...	4	4	389	18
Arkansas.....	1909	Mar. 23, 1872	70	12	3	13	42	1	12	21	1,031	5
California.....	1909	Aug. 10, 1858	348	175	6	62	111	...	121	49	6,340	275
Colorado.....	1909	Mar. 14, 1876	124	38	15	39	24	...	36	28	2,345	65
Connecticut.....	1909	Sept. 13, 1827	179	8	3	8	9	...	69	11	3,721	105
District of Columbia.....	1909	Jan. 14, 1896	67	6	5	17	17	...	30	5	1,725	14
Florida.....	1909	Aug. 15, 1895	134	26	2	26	13	...	12	14	1,014	111
Georgia.....	1909	April 25, 1870	253	57	1	59	38	...	15	23	2,303	199
Idaho.....	1909	Aug. 31, 1904	*	*	*	*	*	...	*	8	499	*
Illinois.....	1908	Oct. 27, 1857	1,256	91	52	196	124	4	228	72	14,512	867
Indiana.....	1909	May 16, 1854	344	43	9	70	57	2	102	54	6,173	165
Indian Territory.....	1908	Dec. 27, 1895	47	8	1	15	...	...	6	7	411	35
Iowa.....	1909	June 6, 1864	384	43	32	123	67	...	104	60	5,955	165
Kansas.....	1909	Dec. 29, 1868	334	47	22	73	27	1	57	52	4,969	246
Kentucky.....	1909	Oct. 15, 1847	438	106	15	101	86	2	48	31	4,089	312
Louisiana.....	1909	Feb. 12, 1864	81	5	...	3	3	...	10	9	718	61
Maine.....	1909	May 5, 1852	278	12	8	37	30	...	92	23	5,238	139
Maryland.....	1908	Jan. 23, 1871	109	4	...	19	9	...	32	13	1,795	62
Mass. and Rhode Island.....	1909	May 6, 1805	820	37	8	102	64	3	291	46	16,529	405
Michigan.....	1909	April 5, 1857	474	109	17	137	40	1	134	47	7,812	288
Minnesota.....	1909	Oct. 23, 1865	294	38	6	60	7	1	44	30	3,934	226
Mississippi.....	1909	Jan. 21, 1857	233	26	7	57	48	8	15	27	1,623	138
Missouri.....	1909	May 22, 1860	310	68	26	82	98	4	98	63	5,962	122
Montana.....	1908	May 14, 1888	92	12	3	12	12	...	14	12	835	70
Nebraska.....	1909	Dec. 27, 1871	120	18	9	46	16	1	31	27	2,357	53
New Hampshire.....	1909	June 13, 1826	114	6	10	22	13	...	63	11	2,603	32
New Jersey.....	1909	Feb. 14, 1860	154	12	2	32	25	1	52	19	3,097	58
New Mexico.....	1908	Aug. 21, 1901	71	5	3	8	8	...	7	9	543	76
New York.....	1909	Jan. 18, 1814	1,140	68	69	126	309	...	234	63	19,730	606
North Carolina.....	1909	May 10, 1881	86	12	2	12	13	...	12	17	1,075	63
North Dakota.....	1909	Jan. 16, 1890	92	10	1	23	6	...	18	13	1,083	56
Ohio.....	1908	Oct. 24, 1843	977	64	62	122	136	7	219	63	13,896	619
Oklahoma.....	1909	Feb. 10, 1896	133	14	1	32	28	...	8	18	1,009	90
Oregon.....	1908	April 13, 1884	110	49	1	41	...	...	14	13	1,074	105
Pennsylvania.....	1909	April 12, 1854	1,387	102	...	116	159	4	334	83	20,427	876
South Carolina.....	1908	Mar. 25, 1907	227	7	...	100	9	...	8	7	1,002	117
South Dakota.....	1909	May 14, 1884	144	63	2	55	4	...	14	18	1,404	134
Tennessee.....	1909	Oct. 12, 1859	84	17	...	14	11	...	21	15	1,396	51
Texas.....	1909	Jan. 18, 1855	433	110	10	177	35	3	63	52	4,635	275
Vermont.....	1909	June 27, 1824	108	16	1	27	1	...	56	13	2,481	41
Virginia.....	1908	Nov. 27, 1823	252	22	3	35	35	...	35	24	2,735	72
Washington.....	1909	June 2, 1887	169	67	7	22	6	...	22	13	1,624	203
West Virginia.....	1909	Feb. 25, 1874	262	102	12	100	49	2	28	19	2,906	197
Wisconsin.....	1908	Oct. 20, 1859	316	94	10	111	44	1	60	33	4,139	204
Wyoming.....	1909	Mar. 8, 1888	23	5	10	...	...	...	14	8	522	4
Grand Encampment, U.S.....		June 21, 1816	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1,045	765
Totals in United States.....			13,306	1,891	469	2,582	1,865	45	2,899	1,318	191,682	...
Canada.....	1908	Oct. 9, 1855	737	58	8	64	47	...	49	50	4,900	643
England and Wales.....		Feb. 17, 1791	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	131	3,009	101
Ireland.....		June 17, 1793	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	1,100	...
Scotland.....		June 19, 1811	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	676	...
Victoria, Australia.....		Dec. 14, 1847	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	150	...
Total in the World.....			14,043	1,949	477	2,646	1,912	45	2,948	1,617	201,517	...

*No Report rendered.

NUMERICAL STRENGTH AND STANDING OF GRAND COMMANDERIES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Standing	GRAND COMMANDERY	MEMBERSHIP
1	Pennsylvania.....	20,427
2	New York.....	19,730
3	Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	16,529
4	Illinois.....	14,512
5	Ohio.....	13,896
6	Michigan.....	7,812
7	California.....	6,340
8	Indiana.....	6,173
9	Missouri.....	5,962
10	Iowa.....	5,955
11	Maine.....	5,238
12	Kansas.....	4,969
13	Texas.....	4,635
14	Wisconsin.....	4,139
15	Kentucky.....	4,089
16	Minnesota.....	3,934
17	Connecticut.....	3,721
18	New Jersey.....	3,097
19	West Virginia.....	2,906
20	Virginia.....	2,735
21	New Hampshire.....	2,603
22	Vermont.....	2,481
23	Nebraska.....	2,357
24	Colorado.....	2,345
25	Georgia.....	2,303
26	Maryland.....	1,795
27	District of Columbia.....	1,725
28	Washington.....	1,624
29	Mississippi.....	1,623
30	South Dakota.....	1,404
31	Tennessee.....	1,396
32	North Dakota.....	1,083
32	North Carolina.....	1,083
33	Oregon.....	1,074
34	Arkansas.....	1,031
35	Florida.....	1,014
36	Alabama.....	1,013
37	Oklahoma.....	1,009
38	South Carolina.....	1,002
39	Montana.....	835
40	Louisiana.....	718
41	New Mexico.....	543
42	Wyoming.....	522
43	Idaho.....	499
44	Indian Territory.....	411
45	Arizona.....	389
46	Grand Encampment of U.S.A.....	1,045
	Total.....	191,735

DIPLOMAS DELIVERED TO COMMANDERIES

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No.	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY	
St Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.....	42
Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.....	47
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.....	14
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.....	8
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass.....	25
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.....	24
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.....	36
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.....	17
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.....	11
Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.....	7
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	8
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.....	25
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.....	20
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.....	17
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.....	17
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.....	15
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.....	15
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.....	13
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.....	16
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass.....	23
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.....	24
Connecticut Valley.....	23	Greenfield, Mass.....	27
Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.....	13
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Fall River, Mass.....	24
Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.....	22
William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass.....	15
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.....	21
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass.....	20
South Shore.....	31	East Weymouth, Mass.....	30
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.....	19
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass.....	19
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass.....	16
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.....	30
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.....	16
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.....	15
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.....	10
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.....	21
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.....	31
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.....	3
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.....	9
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.....	7
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.....	5
Total.....			787

REPORT OF RITUALS IN POSSESSION OF COMMANDERIES
AS REPORTED BY INSPECTING OFFICERS, 1909

COMMANDERY	No.	RED CROSS AND TEMPLE	PRELATES	MALTA	COMBINED RED CROSS TEMPLE AND MALTA
St. John.....	1	2839 2840	425	.....	5004
Boston.....	2	2842 1500	426*	.....	5005
Newburyport.....	3	2843 2844 4152	427	.....	5253 1009
Washington.....	4	2845 2846	428	.....	5006
Worcester County.....	5	2847 2848	429*	.....	5066
Springfield.....	6	1706 2850	430	1011*	5067
De Molay.....	7	1428 2851	431	.....	5007
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	2853 2854	1260	.....	5254
Pilgrim.....	9	2855 2856	1269	.....	5008
Palestine.....	10	2857	434	.....	5255 5540
Milford.....	11	2859 2860	435	.....	5009
Saint Bernard.....	12	416 2861 2862	436	1015	5256
Calvary.....	13	2863 2864	437	.....	5257
Haverhill.....	14	2866 4130	438	.....	5258
Old Colony.....	15	424 2867	439	.....	5010
Sutton.....	16	2869 2870	440	.....	5068
Bethany.....	17	2871 2872	441	.....	5259
Winslow Lewis.....	18	445 2873 2874	442	1020*	5260
Jerusalem.....	19	2876 2875*	443	.....	5069
Hugh de Payens.....	20	2877 2878	444	.....	5261
St. Omer.....	21	2879* 2880	445	.....	5070
Berkshire.....	22	2881 2882	446	.....	5262
Connecticut Valley.....	23	2883 4127	447	.....	5011
Woonsocket.....	24	2885 2886	448	1025	5012
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	2887 2888	449	.....	5013
Joseph Warren.....	26	2889 2890	450	.....	5014
Narragansett.....	27	2891 2892	451	.....	5071
William Parkman.....	28	2893 2894	452	.....	5072
Bristol.....	29	443 2896	453	.....	5073
Northampton.....	30	2897 2898	454	.....	5074
South Shore.....	31	2899 2900	455	.....	5263
Trinity.....	32	2901 2902	456	.....	5075
Natick.....	33	2903 2904 4395	457	1032	5264
Cœur de Lion.....	34	1569 2906	458	.....	5015
Gethsemane.....	35	2907 2908	459	.....	5016
Olivet.....	36	2909 2910	460	.....	5076
Athol.....	37	2911 4076	461	.....	5077
Bay State.....	38	2914 4052	462	1034*	5265
Cyprus.....	39	1398 2916	463	.....	5017
St. Paul.....	40	2917 2918	464	.....	5018
Beauseant.....	41	2919 2920	465	.....	5266
Cambridge.....	42	2921 2922	466	.....	5078
Bethlehem.....	43	2923 2924 1637	467*	374*	5267
St. George.....	44	2925 2926	468	.....	5268
Orange.....	45	2927 4053	469	.....	5079
Ivanhoe.....	46	2929 2930	470	.....	5019

* Not Reported.

THE GRAND COMMANDERIES HAVING THE LARGEST MEMBERSHIP, 1909

	GRAND COMMANDERIES	Subordinates	Members
1	Pennsylvania.....	83	20,427
2	New York.....	61	19,720
3	Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	46	17,529
4	Illinois.....	71	14,512
5	Ohio.....	63	13,896
6	Michigan.....	46	7,812
7	Indiana.....	54	6,173
8	California.....	42	6,065
9	Missouri.....	60	5,962
10	Iowa.....	60	5,955
11	Maine.....	23	5,238
12	Kansas.....	50	4,969
13	Texas.....	49	4,635
14	Wisconsin.....	31	4,139
15	Minnesota.....	29	3,934

SOME OF THE COMMANDERIES IN THE UNITED STATES HAVING THE LARGEST MEMBERSHIP

COMMANDERY	No.	LOCATION	JURISDICTION	MEMBERSHIP
Mary.....	36	Philadelphia....	Pennsylvania.....	1,494
Boston.....	2	Boston.....	Mass. and Rhode Island.	1,050
Apollo.....	1	Chicago.....	Illinois.....	1,020
Washington.....	1	Hartford.....	Connecticut.....	990
Palestine.....	18	New York.....	New York.....	900
Oriental.....	12	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	727
De Molay.....	12	Louisville.....	Kentucky.....	655
California.....	1	San Francisco..	California.....	652
St. Aldemar.....	18	St. Louis.....	Missouri.....	629

REPORT OF INSPECTIONS

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	TIME OF MEETING	DATE OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE
St. Johns.....	1	1st Monday in each month.....	1st Monday in October
Boston.....	2	3d Wednesday in each month.....	3d Wednesday in October
Newburyport.....	3	3d Thursday in each month.....	3d Thursday in September
Washington.....	4	3d Wednesday in each month.....	3d Wednesday in September
Worcester County..	5	1st Thursday in each month.....	1st Thursday in October
Springfield.....	6	1st Monday in each month.....	1st Monday in October
De Molay.....	7	4th Wednesday in each month.....	4th Wednesday in September
Holy Sepulchre....	8	3d Friday in each month.....	4th Friday in June
Pilgrim.....	9	1st Wed. after full moon each month	Regular Conclave in October
Palestine.....	10	2d Wednesday in each month.....	Regular Conclave in October
Milford.....	11	4th Monday in each month.....	4th Monday in September
St. Bernard.....	12	2d Wednesday in each month.....	2d Wednesday in October
Calvary.....	13	3d Tuesday in each month.....	2d Tuesday in September
Haverhill.....	14	2d Tuesday in each month.....	3d Tuesday in October
Old Colony.....	15	1st Monday following full moon each month.....	Stated Conclave in September
Sutton.....	16	1st Thursday in each month.....	1st Thursday in October
Bethany.....	17	Last Tuesday in each month.....	Last Monday in September
Winslow Lewis....	18	3d Thursday in each month.....	3d Thursday in October
Jerusalem.....	19	3d Thursday in each month.....	3d Thursday in September
Hugh de Payens....	20	2d Wednesday in each month.....	2d Wednesday in September
St. Omer.....	21	3d Monday in each month.....	3d Monday in October
Berkshire.....	22	2d Monday in each month.....	2d Monday in October
Connecticut Valley.	23	1st Tuesday in each month.....	1st Tuesday in October
Woonsocket.....	24	2d Tuesday in each month.....	2d Tuesday in October
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	3d Wednesday in each month.....	3d Wednesday in September
Joseph Warren....	26	1st Monday in each month.....	1st Monday in June
Narragansett.....	27	1st Wednesday in each month.....	1st Wednesday in October
William Parkman..	28	2d Thursday in each month.....	2d Thursday in October
Bristol.....	29	1st Friday in each month.....	Stated Conclave in September
Northampton.....	30	2d Monday in each month.....	2d Monday in September
South Shore.....	31	2d Monday in each month.....	Reg. Conclave in September
Trinity.....	32	3d Wednesday in each month.....	Reg. Conclave in September
Natick.....	33	2d Monday in each month.....	2d Monday in September
Cœur de Lion.....	34	3d Tuesday in each month.....	3d Tuesday in November
Gethsemane.....	35	4th Tuesday in each month.....	4th Tuesday in June
Olivet.....	36	1st Wednesday in each month.....	1st Wednesday in October
Athol.....	37	1st Wednesday in each month.....	1st Wednesday in September
Bay State.....	38	3d Monday in each month.....	3d Monday in September
Cyprus.....	39	4th Thursday in each month.....	4th Thursday in September
St. Paul.....	40	2d Friday in each month.....	2d Friday in September
Beauseant.....	41	4th Monday in each month.....	4th Monday in September
Cambridge.....	42	4th Tuesday in each month.....	4th Tuesday in September
Bethlehem.....	43	2d Monday in each month.....	2d Monday in September
St. George.....	44	2d Thursday in each month.....	2d Thursday in October
Orange.....	45	Last Friday in each month.....	Last Friday in September
Ivanhoe.....	46	2d Thursday in each month.....	2d Thursday in September

REPORT OF INSPECTIONS—Continued

NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	DATE OF INSPECTION	NAME AND RANK OF INSPECTING OFFICER
St. Johns.....	1	April 5, 1909	E. Sir William W. Johnson, Grand Junior Warden
Boston.....	2	Mar. 17, 1909	E. Sir J. Albert Blake, Grand Generalissimo
Newburyport.....	3	April 15, 1909	V. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Dep. Gr. Com.
Washington.....	4	May 19, 1909	E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, Grand Captain General
Worcester County.....	5	April 29, 1909	V. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Dep. Gr. Com.
Springfield.....	6	Mar. 15, 1909	E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, Grand Captain General
De Molay.....	7	Mar. 24, 1909	V. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Dep. Gr. Com.
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Jan. 15, 1909	E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield, Grand Lecturer
Pilgrim.....	9	Mar. 10, 1909	E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, Grand Captain General
Palestine.....	10	May 12, 1909	E. Sir William H. Emerson, Grand Lecturer
Milford.....	11	April 27, 1909	E. Sir Henry A. Yenetchi, Grand Lecturer
Saint Bernard.....	12	May 12, 1909	E. Sir Walter F. Medding, Grand Standard Bearer
Calvary.....	13	Mar. 16, 1909	V. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Dep. Gr. Com.
Haverhill.....	14	April 13, 1909	E. Sir Frederick I. Dana, Grand Sword Bearer
Old Colony.....	15	Feb. 22, 1909	E. Sir William J. Bolton, Grand Lecturer
Sutton.....	16	Feb. 18, 1909	E. Sir Henry A. Yenetchi, Grand Lecturer
Bethany.....	17	Mar. 29, 1909	E. Sir J. Albert Blake, Grand Generalissimo
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Feb. 18, 1909	E. Sir William H. Emerson, Grand Lecturer
Jerusalem.....	19	Mar. 18, 1909	E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield, Grand Lecturer
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Mar. 10, 1909	E. Sir Frederick I. Dana, Grand Sword Bearer
Saint Omer.....	21	Mar. 15, 1909	E. Sir William W. Johnson, Grand Junior Warden
Berkshire.....	22	May 10, 1909	E. Sir Frederick I. Dana, Grand Sword Bearer
Connecticut Valley.....	23	May 4, 1909	E. Sir Walter F. Medding, Grand Standard Bearer
Woonsocket.....	24	Feb. 9, 1909	E. Sir J. Albert Blake, Grand Generalissimo
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Mar. 31, 1909	E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield, Grand Lecturer
Joseph Warren.....	26	Mar. 1, 1909	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Senior Warden
Narragansett.....	27	April 7, 1909	E. Sir Henry A. Yenetchi, Grand Lecturer
William Parkman.....	28	Mar. 11, 1909	E. Sir J. Albert Blake, Grand Generalissimo
Bristol.....	29	April 2, 1909	V. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Dep. Gr. Com.
Northampton.....	30	May 10, 1909	E. Sir William W. Johnson, Grand Junior Warden
South Shore.....	31	Jan. 11, 1909	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Senior Warden
Trinity.....	32	Feb. 17, 1909	E. Sir Frederick I. Dana, Grand Sword Bearer
Natick.....	33	April 12, 1909	E. Sir William W. Johnson, Grand Junior Warden
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Feb. 16, 1909	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Senior Warden
Gethsemane.....	35	Jan. 26, 1909	E. Sir William J. Bolton, Grand Lecturer
Olivet.....	36	Feb. 3, 1909	E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield, Grand Lecturer
Athol.....	37	April 14, 1909	E. Sir Walter F. Medding, Grand Standard Bearer
Bay State.....	38	Feb. 15, 1909	E. Sir Henry A. Yenetchi, Grand Lecturer
Cyprus.....	39	Mar. 25, 1909	E. Sir William J. Bolton, Grand Lecturer
Saint Paul.....	40	Mar. 12, 1909	E. Sir William J. Bolton, Grand Lecturer
Beauseant.....	41	Mar. 22, 1909	E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, Grand Captain General
Cambridge.....	42	April 27, 1909	E. Sir William H. Emerson, Grand Lecturer
Bethlehem.....	43	Mar. 8, 1909	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Senior Warden
Saint George.....	44	Mar. 11, 1909	E. Sir Walter F. Medding, Grand Standard Bearer
Orange.....	45	April 15, 1909	E. Sir J. Albert Blake, Grand Generalissimo
Ivanhoe.....	46	Feb. 11, 1909	E. Sir William H. Emerson, Grand Lecturer

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NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	Members in Knight Templar Uniform present at Conclave	Members not in Uniform	Visitors present other than the Suite	Inspecting Officer and his Suite	Total present	Members paying dues	Life Members	Members exempted by the By-Laws	Members exempted by Vote	Total Active Membership	Honorary Members (not Active)
St. Johns.....	1	418	3	41	65	527	756	129	...	...	885	...
Boston.....	2	235	67	211	92	605	688	346	7	...	1041	...
Newburyport.....	3	63	8	5	15	91	205	3	...	...	208	3
Washington.....	4	59	11	15	10	95	193	1	4	...	198	...
Worcester County.....	5	93	12	24	33	162	380	242	...	...	622	2
Springfield.....	6	153	38	32	20	243	799	16	25	...	840	1
De Molay.....	7	232	27	164	44	477	716	124	18	...	858	...
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	100	24	33	34	191	297	47	...	...	346	...
Pilgrim.....	9	80	45	8	5	138	421	4	4	20	449	...
Palestine.....	10	33	19	16	...	68	285	3	8	13	309	...
Milford.....	11	64	17	32	21	134	233	5	3	...	241	1
Saint Bernard.....	12	36	...	1	15	52	101	1	1	4	107	7
Calvary.....	13	203	9	48	68	328	554	35	...	...	589	...
Haverhill.....	14	100	2	16	29	147	257	19	4	...	280	...
Old Colony.....	15	47	8	6	9	70	212	...	1	...	213	4
Sutton.....	16	127	23	14	20	184	368	41	...	1	410	...
Bethany.....	17	63	32	10	17	122	280	81	...	...	361	1
Winslow Lewis.....	18	60	13	9	13	95	251	1	7	...	259	...
Jerusalem.....	19	110	...	19	11	140	278	19	...	9	306	...
Hugh de Payens.....	20	182	19	66	42	309	406	19	54	...	479	1
Saint Omer.....	21	57	34	69	26	186	281	51	...	...	332	...
Berkshire.....	22	60	18	8	9	95	242	...	...	...	242	1
Connecticut Valley.....	23	39	13	45	16	113	214	...	...	1	215	...
Woonsocket.....	24	80	15	15	27	137	336	...	3	...	339	...
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	103	33	24	28	188	328	15	4	...	347	...
Joseph Warren.....	26	93	24	66	52	235	419	71	11	1	502	6
Narragansett.....	27	44	13	4	9	70	158	1	...	...	159	...
William Parkman.....	28	71	15	46	14	146	291	12	4	16	323	...
Bristol.....	29	90	17	31	37	175	273	...	2	...	275	...
Northampton.....	30	49	17	8	15	89	208	1	...	8	217	...
South Shore.....	31	54	45	23	27	149	312	12	14	...	338	2
Trinity.....	32	56	13	3	6	78	260	3	...	2	265	...
Natick.....	33	46	9	29	21	105	196	4	3	...	203	...
Cœur de Lion.....	34	216	13	69	18	316	515	17	15	...	547	...
Gethsemane.....	35	140	...	54	37	231	380	13	...	...	393	3
Olivet.....	36	48	11	43	32	134	302	33	3	...	338	...
Athol.....	37	58	6	21	19	104	149	...	1	4	154	1
Bay State.....	38	62	14	12	15	103	382	40	12	...	434	...
Cyprus.....	39	43	16	27	13	99	293	1	2	...	296	...
Saint Paul.....	40	65	20	19	12	116	202	...	...	...	207	1
Beauseant.....	41	97	3	77	71	248	321	5	12	5	341	5
Cambridge.....	42	120	34	115	38	307	361	20	3	...	384	6
Bethlehem.....	43	39	...	7	9	55	124	1	...	...	125	...
Saint George.....	44	49	1	12	24	86	139	...	...	...	139	1
Orange.....	45	45	21	20	15	101	130	...	...	...	130	1
Ivanhoe.....	46	44	1	8	13	66	105	1	...	...	106	3

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NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	Number of Knight Templar Regalias owned by Mem- bers of the Commandery	Number of Templar Coats owned by Members	The Order Exempli- fied	Rendition of Ritual	Floor Work	The Military Appearance was	The Military Movements were
Saint Johns.....	1	658	407	Red Cross	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Boston.....	2	700	*	Red Cross	Excellent..	Excellent..	Very good..	Excellent
Newburyport.....	3	180	180	Red Cross	Good.....	Fair.....	Fair.....	Fair
Washington.....	4	183	102	Temple..	Good.....	Fair.....	Good.....	Fair
Worcester County.....	5	400	250	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Springfield.....	6	612	345	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
De Molay.....	7	525	495	Red Cross	Very good..	Very good..	Very good..	Very good
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	336	295	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Pilgrim.....	9	346	251	Red Cross	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Palestine.....	10	64	133	Red Cross	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Milford.....	11	193	140	Red Cross	Fair.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Saint Bernard.....	12	107	40	Red Cross	Very good..	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Calvary.....	13	493	493	Red Cross	Excellent..	Very good..	Excellent..	Excellent
Haverhill.....	14	250	*	Temple..	Very good..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Old Colony.....	15	160	*	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Sutton.....	16	290	190	*	Excellent..	Very good..	Excellent..	Very good
Bethany.....	17	298	233	Red Cross	Very good..	Very good..	Very good..	Very good
Winslow Lewis.....	18	199	162	Red Cross	Very good..	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Jerusalem.....	19	275	285	Red Cross	Very good..	Very good..	Very good..	Very good
Hugh de Payens.....	20	307	307	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Saint Omer.....	21	200	100	Red Cross	Excellent..	Excellent..	Very good..	Very good
Berkshire.....	22	197	190	Temple..	Very good..	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Connecticut Valley.....	23	143	117	Temple..	Very good..	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Woonsocket.....	24	187	168	Red Cross	Good.....	Very good..	Good.....	Very good
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	203	200	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Joseph Warren.....	26	300	300	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Narragansett.....	27	112	30	Temple..	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
William Parkman.....	28	286	286	Red Cross	Very good..	Very good..	Good.....	Very good
Bristol.....	29	183	183	Temple..	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Northampton.....	30	140	75	Red Cross	Excellent..	Excellent..	Good.....	Good
South Shore.....	31	157	112	Temple..	Excellent..	Very good..	Good.....	Good
Trinity.....	32	190	80	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Natick.....	33	150	*	Red Cross	Good.....	Very good..	Very good..	Very good
Cœur de Lion.....	34	342	360	Red Cross	Excellent..	Very good..	Excellent..	Very good
Gethsemane.....	35	341	286	Temple..	Very good..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Olivet.....	36	300	260	Red Cross	Very good..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Athol.....	37	126	96	Temple..	Very good..	Very good..	Good.....	Good
Bay State.....	38	325	325	*	Very good..	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Cyprus.....	39	177	165	Red Cross	Good.....	Very good..	Very good..	Very good
Saint Paul.....	40	175	155	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Beauseant.....	41	262	262	Red Cross	Very good..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Cambridge.....	42	226	226	*	Very good..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Bethlehem.....	43	119	120	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Very good..	Poor
Saint George.....	44	125	125	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Orange.....	45	94	94	Red Cross	Good.....	Very good..	Very good..	Excellent
Ivanhoe.....	46	90	90	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good

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NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	ORDERS CON- FERRED YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1908			Fee for the Orders	Fee for Membership	Fee for Life Membership	Annual Dues	Appearance of the Charter
		Red Cross	Knight Templar	Knight of Malta					
Saint Johns.....	1	50	50	50	\$100 00	\$10 00	\$60 00	\$4 00	Precarious
Boston.....	2	37	43	43	75 00	50 00	120 00	8 00	Very good
Newburyport.....	3	10	10	10	40 00	10 00	100 00	4 00	Excellent
Washington.....	4	2	2	2	100 00	.....	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Worcester County.....	5	38	37	39	75 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Springfield.....	6	41	41	41	95 00	10 00	75 00	4 00	Fair
De Molay.....	7	46	46	46	75 00	50 00	120 00	8 00	Excellent
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	16	15	13	100 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Pilgrim.....	9	20	27	27	125 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Fair
Palestine.....	10	15	16	15	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Good
Milford.....	11	7	7	7	40 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Saint Bernard.....	12	3	3	3	100 00	25 00	250 00	15 00	Excellent
Calvary.....	13	47	47	47	100 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
Haverhill.....	14	9	9	9	125 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Old Colony.....	15	12	12	12	45 00	5 00	50 00	3 00	Very good
Sutton.....	16	22	22	22	100 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
Bethany.....	17	12	12	12	50 00	10 00	50 00	2 00	Good
Winslow Lewis.....	18	11	11	11	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Good
Jerusalem.....	19	9	9	9	40 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Good
Hugh de Payens.....	20	8	8	9	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Saint Omer.....	21	16	16	16	75 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Berkshire.....	22	9	9	8	40 00	5 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Connecticut Valley.....	23	6	5	5	40 00	5 00	.....	2 00	Excellent
Woonsocket.....	24	32	33	33	40 00	15 00	50 00	2 00	Excellent
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	26	26	26	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Joseph Warren.....	26	23	22	21	50 00	15 00	120 00	8 00	Excellent
Narragansett.....	27	7	7	7	50 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
William Parkman.....	28	10	10	10	50 00	15 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Bristol.....	29	14	16	14	100 00	10 00	.....	4 00	Very good
Northampton.....	30	11	11	11	40 00	5 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
South Shore.....	31	20	20	20	40 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Very good
Trinity.....	32	9	9	9	40 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Good
Natick.....	33	6	6	6	40 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Very good
Cœur de Lion.....	34	43	39	39	50 00	10 00	105 00	7 00	Very good
Gethsemane.....	35	16	18	18	95 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Olivet.....	36	14	12	12	125 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Athol.....	37	15	15	16	30 00	5 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Bay State.....	38	22	22	22	50 00	5 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
Cyprus.....	39	15	14	14	40 00	5 00	75 00	5 00	Very good
Saint Paul.....	40	24	24	24	40 00	5 00	60 00	4 00	Very good
Beauseant.....	41	11	11	11	50 00	10 00	80 00	5 00	Very good
Cambridge.....	42	45	44	44	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Bethlehem.....	43	7	7	7	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Very good
Saint George.....	44	9	9	9	50 00	10 00	.....	5 00	Excellent
Orange.....	45	7	7	7	30 00	5 00		3 00	Excellent
Ivanhoe.....	46	9	9	9	40 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent

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NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	Has the Commandery Working Copy of Charter?	How are the Records Kept and their Appearance?	Do By-Laws bear Seal of Grand Commandery?	Has the Commandery a Permanent Fund?	Red Cross and Temple Rituals in Possession of the Proper Officers			
Saint Johns.....	1	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2839	2840	.....	.....
Boston.....	2	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2842	1500	.....	.....
Newburyport.....	3	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2843	2844	4152	5253
Washington.....	4	No	Fair.....	No	Yes	2845	2846	.....	.....
Worcester County.....	5	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2847	2848	.....	.....
Springfield.....	6	Yes	Excellent...	No	Yes	1706	3850	.....	.....
De Molay.....	7	Yes	Good.....	Yes	Yes	2851	.....	.....	.....
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2853	2854	.....	.....
Pilgrim.....	9	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2855	2856	.....	.....
Palestine.....	10	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2857	5840	.....	.....
Milford.....	11	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2859	2860	.....	.....
Saint Bernard.....	12	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2861	2862	1015	.....
Calvary.....	13	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2863	2864	.....	.....
Haverhill.....	14	No	Good.....	Yes	Yes	2866	4130	.....	.....
Old Colony.....	15	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2867	424	.....	.....
Sutton.....	16	Yes	Good.....	Yes	Yes	2869	2870	.....	.....
Bethany.....	17	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2871	2872	.....	.....
Winslow Lewis.....	18	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	445	2873	2874	.....
Jerusalem.....	19	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2876	*	.....	.....
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2877	2878	.....	.....
Saint Omer.....	21	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	50	70	.....	.....
Berkshire.....	22	No	Good.....	Yes	Yes	2881	1882	.....	.....
Connecticut Valley.....	23	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	4127	2883	.....	.....
Woonsocket.....	24	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	5012	1885	2886	.....
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2887	2888	.....	.....
Joseph Warren.....	26	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2880	2890	.....	.....
Narragansett.....	27	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	3891	3891	.....	.....
William Parkman.....	28	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2893	2894	.....	.....
Bristol.....	29	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2896	443	.....	.....
Northampton.....	30	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2898	2897	.....	.....
South Shore.....	31	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2899	2900	.....	.....
Trinity.....	32	Yes	*	Yes	Yes	2901	2902	.....	.....
Natick.....	33	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2903	2904	4395	.....
Cœur de Lion.....	34	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	1569	2906	.....	.....
Gethsemane.....	35	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2907	2908	.....	.....
Olivet.....	36	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2909	2910	.....	.....
Athol.....	37	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2911	4076	.....	.....
Bay State.....	38	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2914	4052	.....	.....
Cyprus.....	39	Yes	Good.....	Yes	Yes	1398	2916	.....	.....
Saint Paul.....	40	No	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2917	2918	.....	.....
Beauseant.....	41	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2919	2920	.....	.....
Cambridge.....	42	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2921	2922	.....	.....
Bethlehem.....	43	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2923	2924	.....	.....
Saint George.....	44	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2925	2926	.....	.....
Orange.....	45	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	469	2927		
Ivanhoe.....	46	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2929	5019		

* No Report

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NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	Prelate's Ritual	Malta Ritual	Combined Temple and Malta	Condition of the Rituals
Saint Johns.....	1	425	.....	5004	Very good
Boston.....	2	.....	.....	5005	Good
Newburyport.....	3	427	.....	1009	Excellent
Washington.....	4	428	.....	5006	Excellent
Worcester County.....	5	.....	.....	5066	Very good
Springfield.....	6	430	.....	5067	Good
De Molay.....	7	431	.....	1428	Fair
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	1260	.....	5254	Good
Pilgrim.....	8	1269	.....	5008	Good
Palestine.....	10	434	.....	5255	Very good
Milford.....	11	435	.....	5009	Very good
Saint Bernard.....	12	436	.....	5256	Good
Calvary.....	13	437	.....	5257	Good
Haverhill.....	14	438	.....	5258	Good
Old Colony.....	15	439	.....	5010	Fair
Sutton.....	16	440	.....	5068	Very good
Bethany.....	17	441	.....	5259	Good
Winslow Lewis.....	18	442	.....	5260	*
Jerusalem.....	19	443	.....	5069	Very good
Hugh de Payens.....	20	444	.....	5261	Good
Saint Omer.....	21	445	.....	2880	Good
Berkshire.....	22	446	.....	5262	Good
Connecticut Valley.....	23	447	.....	5011	Good
Woonsocket.....	24	448	.....	1025	Very good
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	449	.....	5013	Good
Joseph Warren.....	26	450	.....	5014	Very good
Narragansett.....	27	451	.....	5071	Good
William Parkman.....	28	452	.....	5072	Good
Bristol.....	29	453	.....	5073	Good
Northampton.....	30	454	.....	5074	*
South Shore.....	31	455	.....	5263	Good
Trinity.....	32	456	.....	5075	Good
Natick.....	33	457	1032	5264	Good
Cœur de Lion.....	34	458	.....	5015	Very good
Gethsemane.....	35	459	.....	5016	Very good
Olivet.....	36	460	.....	5076	Very good
Athol.....	37	461	.....	5077	Good
Bay State.....	38	462	.....	5265	Excellent
Cyprus.....	39	463	.....	5017	Good
Saint Paul.....	40	464	.....	5018	Good
Beauseant.....	41	465	.....	5266	Excellent
Cambridge.....	42	466	.....	5078	Very good
Bethlehem.....	43	467	.....	5267	Very good
Saint George.....	44	468	.....	5268	Good
Orange.....	45	4053	.....	5079	Good
Ivanhoe.....	46	470	.....	5019	Good

* No Report

BY-LAWS OF COMMANDERIES RECEIVED BY THE GRAND
RECORDER IN COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATION
OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY
*St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.
*Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.
*Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.
*Worcester County.....	5	Worcester, Mass.
*Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass.
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.
*Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.
*Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.
*Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.
*Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.
*Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.
*St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass.
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.
Connecticut Valley.....	23	Greenfield, Mass.
*Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.
*Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Fall River, Mass.
*Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.
*Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.
*William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass.
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass.
*South Shore.....	31	East Weymouth, Mass.
*Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.
*Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.
*Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass.
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass.
*Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.
*Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.
*Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.
*Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.
*St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.
*Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.
*Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.
*Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.
*Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.

Those not marked with a * have failed to respond to the Order.

ADDRESSES OF RECORDERS

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY	RECORDER	ADDRESS
St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.....	Franklin A. Smith..	25 Lenox Ave., Providence, R. I.
Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.....	J. Gilman Walte....	Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.	Harry W. Bayley...	Newburyport, Mass.
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.....	Thatcher T. Bowler..	Newport, R.I.
Worcester County..	5	Worcester, Mass....	William S. Dadmun..	P.O. Box 578, Worcester, Mass.
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass....	George B. Miller....	Springfield, Mass.
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.....	Charles R. Magee...	36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.....	John F. Clark.....	Valley Falls, R.I.
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.....	Herbert C. Taft.....	22 Burt St., Lowell, Mass.
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.....	Chas. S. Beatley....	100 Fairmont St., Malden, Mass.
Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.....	Herbert S. Eldredge	P.O. Box 51, Milford, Mass.
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	Thomas W. Davis...	Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I....	Harry B. Simmons...	P.O. Box 1382, Providence, R.I.
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.....	Benjamin B. Gilman..	Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.....	Isaac C. Howland...	Abington, Mass.
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.	Wm. M. Thorup....	P.O. Box 414, New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.....	Charles H. Littlefield	Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis....	18	Salem, Mass.....	Adelbert Dennett..	235 Essex St., Salem, Mass.
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass....	Frank D. Page.....	City Hall, Fitchburg, Mass.
*Hugh de Payens...	20	Melrose, Mass.....	Calvin W. Sawyer...	Box 44, Melrose Highlands, Mass.
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass...	William Morris.....	Custom House, Boston, Mass.
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass....	William H. Barrows	Pittsfield, Mass.
Connecticut Valley.	23	Greenfield, Mass....	Mason H. Morse....	Greenfield, Mass.
*Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I....	Harry H. Wardle....	Woonsocket, R.I.
*Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass....	Wm. E. Blossom....	472 June St., Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren....	26	Roxbury, Mass.....	Wm. H. Gerrish....	43 West St., Boston, Mass.
Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.....	Archle C. Thompson	19 Stanton St., Westerly, R.I.
William Parkman..	28	East Boston, Mass..	Edward H. Morse...	29 Lexington St., E. Boston, Mass.
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass....	Geo. H. Herrick....	Attleboro, Mass.
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass.	Charles H. Chase...	Northampton, Mass.
South Shore.....	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	Eben H. Cain.....	18 Summer St., Boston, Mass.
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.....	Geo. B. Cochran....	Hudson, Mass.
Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.....	Willard W. Wight...	Wellesley Hills, Mass.
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass..	Wm. L. Barber.....	36 Marshall St., Somerville, Mass.
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass..	Asa C. Jewett.....	11 Chesley Rd., Newton Cen., Mass.
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.....	Robert E. Ramsdell.	9 Arlington St., Lynn, Mass.
Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.....	Frederick H. Lee....	1477 Main St., Athol, Mass.
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.....	Charles L. Chaplin...	73 Main St., Brockton, Mass.
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass....	Daniel E. Cluff....	Hyde Park, Mass.
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.	Junius B. Temple...	North Adams, Mass.
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.....	Wallace M. Corbin..	18 Horace St., Malden, Mass.
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass....	Charles M. Pear....	156 Line St., Cambridge, Mass.
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass....	John B. Chamberline	27 Granite St., Gloucester, Mass.
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.....	William C. Hill.....	Beverly, Mass.
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.....	Fred A. Lamb.....	33 Water St., Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.....	J. Myron Moore....	35 Glazier St., Gardner, Mass.

GRAND COMMANDERS AND ADDRESSES

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	YEAR	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	GRAND COMMANDERS	ADDRESS
Alabama.....	1909	Nov. 29, 1860	R..E..Sir Charles R. Patterson..	Birmingham, Ala.
Arizona.....	1908	Nov. 16, 1893	R..E..Sir Albert D. Barnhart...	Prescott, Ariz.
Arkansas.....	1909	Mar. 23, 1872	R..E..Sir Thomas H. Jackson..	Brinkley, Ark.
California.....	1909	Aug. 10, 1858	R..E..Sir Harvey D. Loveland..	San Francisco, Cal.
Colorado.....	1909	Mar. 14, 1876	R..E..Sir Marshall H. Dean.....	Denver, Colo.
Connecticut.....	1909	Sept. 13, 1827	R..E..Sir Leon M. Woodford...	Naugatuck, Conn.
Dist. of Columbia	1909	Jan. 14, 1896	R..E..Sir Walter H. Kloppe...	Washington, D.C.
Florida.....	1909	Aug. 15, 1895	R..E..Sir Alonzo M. Cushman...	Gainesville, Fla.
Georgia.....	1909	April 25, 1870	R..E..Sir Alpheus B. Simmons...	Savannah, Ga.
Idaho.....	1909	Aug. 31, 1904	R..E..Sir Eugene M. Gillette...	Moscow, Idaho
Illinois.....	1908	Oct. 27, 1857	R..E..Sir William L. Gross.....	Springfield, Ill.
Indiana.....	1909	May 16, 1854	R..E..Sir Luther Short.....	Franklin, Ind.
Indian Territory..	1909	Dec. 27, 1895	R..E..Sir Christopher Springer..	No. McAlester, I.T.
Iowa.....	1909	June 6, 1864	R..E..Sir Amos N. Alberson...	Washington, Ia.
Kansas.....	1909	Dec. 29, 1868	R..E..Sir Marvin L. Truby.....	Independence, Kan.
Kentucky.....	1909	Oct. 15, 1847	R..E..Sir Joseph H. Ewalt.....	Paris, Ky.
Louisiana.....	1909	Feb. 12, 1864	R..E..Sir Joseph T. Young.....	Baton Rouge, La.
Maine.....	1909	May 5, 1852	R..E..Sir Harry R. Virgin.....	Portland, Me.
Maryland.....	1908	Jan. 23, 1871	R..E..Sir George E. French.....	Baltimore, Md.
Mass. and R.I..	1909	May 6, 1805	R..E..Sir Walter W. Burnham...	Providence, R.I.
Michigan.....	1909	April 5, 1857	R..E..Sir Howard T. Taylor....	Adrian, Mich.
Minnesota.....	1909	Oct. 23, 1865	R..E..Sir James R. Smith.....	Faribault, Minn.
Mississippi.....	1909	Jan. 21, 1857	R..E..Sir Garland D. Brown....	Water Valley, Miss.
Missouri.....	1909	May 22, 1860	R..E..Sir Arthur M. Hough....	Jefferson City, Mo.
Montana.....	1908	May 14, 1888	R..E..Sir Daniel A. McCan....	Livingston, Mont.
Nebraska.....	1909	Dec. 27, 1871	R..E..Sir Robert McConaughy...	York, Neb.
New Hampshire..	1909	June 13, 1826	R..E..Sir Stephen S. Jewett....	Laconia, N.H.
New Jersey.....	1909	Feb. 14, 1860	R..E..Sir Charles A. Mohn.....	Hoboken, N.J.
New Mexico.....	1908	Aug. 21, 1901	R..E..Sir Oscar L. Gregory.....	E. Las Vegas, N.M.
New York.....	1909	Jan. 18, 1814	R..E..Sir Edwin C. Hall.....	Syracuse, N.Y.
North Carolina..	1909	May 10, 1881	R..E..Sir William Anderson....	Charlotte, N.C.
North Dakota...	1909	Jan. 16, 1890	R..E..Sir Dewitt C. Moore.....	Grafton, N.D.
Ohio.....	1909	Oct. 24, 1843	R..E..Sir Charles F. Henry.....	Marietta, Ohio.
Oklahoma.....	1909	Feb. 10, 1896	R..E..Sir J. C. Flemming.....	Perry, Okla.
Oregon.....	1908	April 13, 1884	R..E..Sir Albert M. Knapp.....	Portland, Ore.
Pennsylvania....	1909	April 12, 1854	R..E..Sir Abram Hess.....	Lebanon, Pa.
South Carolina..	1908	Mar. 25, 1907	R..E..Sir Jacob T. Barron.....	Columbia, S.C.
South Dakota...	1909	May 14, 1884	R..E..Sir Charles O. Bailey....	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Tennessee.....	1909	Oct. 12, 1859	R..E..Sir Lapsey G. Walker....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Texas.....	1909	Jan. 18, 1855	R..E..Sir Harry N. Carpenter...	El Paso, Tex.
Vermont.....	1909	June 27, 1824	R..E..Sir Frank D. Dewey.....	Montpelier, Vt.
Virginia.....	1908	Nov. 27, 1823	R..E..Sir William C. Stephenson	Roanoke, Va.
Washington.....	1909	June 2, 1887	R..E..Sir Ira M. Swartz.....	Vancouver, Wash.
West Virginia...	1909	Feb. 25, 1874	R..E..Sir William J. Rittenhouse	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Wisconsin.....	1909	Oct. 20, 1859	R..E..Sir William P. Kenny....	Milwaukee, Wis.
Wyoming.....	1909	Mar. 8, 1888	R..E..Sir Jesse Converse.....	Laramie, Wyo.
Grand Encampment U.S.....	.....	June 21, 1816	M..E..Sir Henry W. Rugg.....	Providence, R.I.
Canada.....	.....	.....	M..E..Sir Archibald A. Campbell	London, Ont.
Eng. and Wales..	.....	.....	M..E..Sir Duke of Connaught..	London, Eng.

GRAND RECORDERS

YEAR ELECTED

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	YEAR	GRAND RECORDER	ADDRESS
Alabama.....	1901	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery
Arizona.....	1894	George A. Roskrugs.....	Tucson
Arkansas.....	1899	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock
California.....	1898	William A. Davies.....	Alameda
Colorado.....	1904	Charles H. Jacobson.....	Denver
Connecticut.....	1895	Eli C. Birdsey.....	Meriden
District of Columbia	1898	Arvine W. Johnson.....	Washington
Florida.....	1898	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville
Georgia.....	1909	Charles S. Wood *.....	Savannah
Idaho.....	1905	James A. Pinney.....	Boise
Illinois.....	1908	Harris A. Wheeler.....	Chicago
Indiana.....	1901	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis
Indian Territory..	1897	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka
Iowa.....	1902	David M. Brownlee.....	Sioux City
Kansas.....	1899	Thomas J. Anderson.....	Topeka
Kentucky.....	1899	Alfred H. Bryant.....	Covington
Louisiana.....	1877	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans
Maine.....	1891	Stephen Berry.....	Portland
Maryland.....	1888	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore
Mass. and Rhode Island.....	1892	Benjamin W. Rowell.....	Boston (Mas. Tem.)
Michigan.....	1899	Henry L. Anthony.....	Sturgis
Minnesota.....	1906	John Fishel.....	St. Paul
Mississippi.....	1901	Frederic Speed.....	Vicksburg
Missouri.....	1906	Robert F. Stevenson.....	St. Louis
Montana.....	1907	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.....	Helena
Nebraska.....	1899	Frances E. White.....	Omaha
New Hampshire..	1900	Frank D. Woodbury.....	Concord
New Jersey.....	1908	John M. Wright.....	Trenton
New Mexico.....	1902	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque
North Carolina..	1904	John H. Bonnington.....	27 E. 21st St., N.Y.
North Dakota...	1900	James C. Munds.....	Wilmington
Ohio.....	1892	Frank J. Thompson.....	Fargo
Oklahoma.....	1886	John N. Bell.....	Dayton
Oregon.....	1904	George W. Spencer.....	Oklahoma City
Pennsylvania....	1893	James F. Robinson.....	Eugene
Pennsylvania....	1897	William W. Allen.....	Philadelphia
South Carolina..	1907	John M. Diven.....	Charleston
South Dakota...	1895	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls
Tennessee.....	1899	John B. Garrett.....	Nashville
Texas.....	1907	Will N. Kidd.....	Houston
Vermont.....	1902	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington
Virginia.....	1895	James B. Blanks.....	Petersburg
Washington.....	1891	Yancey C. Blalock.....	Walla Walla
West Virginia...	1903	Francis E. Nichols.....	Fairmount
Wisconsin.....	1900	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee
Wyoming.....	1901	Adrian J. Parshall.....	Cheyenne
Canada.....	.....	Wm. H. Whyte.....	Montreal
England and Wales.....	.....	C. Fitzgerald Matier, V.C....	London, W.C. Mark Masons' Hall Great Queen St.
Ireland.....	.....	John A. Baker.....	Dublin
Scotland.....	.....	Lindsey MacKersey.....	Edinburgh
Grand Encampment, U.S.....	1901	John A. Gerow.....	Detroit, Mich.

*Appointed.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES
NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	REPRESENTATIVE	RESIDENCE
Alabama.....	R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule.....	Brookline, Mass.
Arizona.....	E. Sir E. Bentley Young.....	Boston, Mass.
Arkansas.....	R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse.....	Roxbury, Mass.
California.....	E. Sir John D. Munroe.....	Fall River, Mass.
Colorado.....	E. Sir Smith B. Harrington.....	Wollaston Heights, Mass.
Connecticut.....	E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis.....	Providence, R.I.
District of Columbia.....	R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence.....	Medford, Mass.
Florida.....	E. Sir Henry S. Rowe.....	Boston, Mass.
Georgia.....	E. Sir Henry C. Jordan.....	Boston, Mass.
Idaho.....	Judson C. Mackenzie.....	Fall River, Mass.
Illinois.....	E. Sir Newton D. Arnold.....	Providence, R.I.
Indiana.....	R. E. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett.....	Springfield, Mass.
Indian Territory.....	E. Sir Walter W. Burnham.....	Providence, R.I.
Iowa.....	R. E. Sir George H. Kenyon.....	Providence, R.I.
Kansas.....	E. Sir Charles A. Estey.....	East Boston, Mass.
Kentucky.....	R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn.....	Newport, R.I.
Louisiana.....	E. Sir George E. Stacy.....	Milford, Mass.
Maryland.....	E. Sir Baalis Sanford.....	Brockton, Mass.
Maine.....	E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey.....	Boston, Mass.
Minnesota.....	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott.....	Lowell, Mass.
Mississippi.....	E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell.....	Lynn, Mass.
Missouri.....	R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson.....	Lowell, Mass.
Montana.....	R. E. Sir Winthrop Messenger.....	Melrose, Mass.
Nebraska.....	M. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg.....	Providence, R.I.
New Hampshire.....	R. E. Sir George L. Shepley.....	Providence, R.I.
New Jersey.....	R. E. Sir Dana J. Flanders.....	Malden, Mass.
New Mexico.....	E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair.....	Watertown, Mass.
New York.....	R. E. Sir George H. Allen.....	Lynn, Mass.
North Carolina.....	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle.....	Newton, Mass.
North Dakota.....	E. Sir Charles E. Pierce.....	South Boston, Mass.
Ohio.....	R. E. Sir Charles I. Litchfield.....	Plymouth, Mass.
Oklahoma.....	R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders.....	Lawrence, Mass.
Oregon.....	E. Sir Harry Hunt.....	Melrose, Mass.
Pennsylvania.....	E. Sir Arthur G. Pollard.....	Lowell, Mass.
South Carolina.....	E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell.....	Lynn, Mass.
South Dakota.....	R. E. Sir George E. Hilton.....	Lynn, Mass.
Tennessee.....	E. Sir J. Gilman Waite.....	Medford, Mass.
Texas.....	E. Sir J. Albert Blake.....	Malden, Mass.
Vermont.....	R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain.....	Worcester, Mass.
Virginia.....	E. Sir Charles C. Spellman.....	Springfield, Mass.
West Virginia.....	E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew.....	Providence, R.I.
Wisconsin.....	E. Sir William W. Johnson.....	Worcester, Mass.
Wyoming.....	E. Sir Eugene A. Holton.....	Boston, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY
NEAR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE
Alabama.....	E. Sir Russell M. Cunningham.....	Ensley, Ala.
Arizona.....	E. Sir George K. Roskrige.....	Tucson, Ariz.
Arkansas.....	R. E. Sir Charles E. Rosenbaum.....	Little Rock, Ark.
California.....	R. E. Sir Frank W. Sumner.....	San Francisco, Cal.
Colorado.....	R. E. Sir Lawrence N. Greenleaf.....	Denver, Colo.
Connecticut.....	R. E. Sir Eli C. Birdsey.....	Meriden, Conn.
District of Columbia.....	R. E. Sir Arvine W. Johnston.....	Washington, D.C.
Florida.....	E. Sir William H. Jewell.....	Orlando, Fla.
Georgia.....	E. Sir Joseph K. Orr.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Idaho.....	Hiram T. French.....	Moscow, Idaho
Illinois.....	R. E. Sir Stuart E. Pearson.....	Carrollton Ill.
Indiana.....	E. Sir Leonidas P. Newby.....	Knightstown, Ind.
Indian Territory.....	E. Sir John F. Sharpe.....	Purcell, I.T.
Iowa.....	E. Sir Wilbur F. Fidler.....	Davenport, Iowa
Kansas.....	R. E. Sir Edward W. Wellington.....	Ellsworth, Kan.
Kentucky.....	E. Sir Henry G. Sandifer.....	Danville, Ky.
Louisiana.....	E. Sir Lee E. Robinson.....	Welch, La.
Maryland.....	R. E. Sir Charles McDonald, Jr.....	Baltimore, Md.
Maine.....	R. E. Sir John W. Ballou.....	Bath, Maine
Minnesota.....	E. Sir Alonzo T. Stebbins.....	Rochester, Minn.
Mississippi.....	E. Sir John S. Cobb.....	Verona, Miss.
Missouri.....	R. E. Sir Gib. W. Carson.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Montana.....	E. Sir Joseph Hindson.....	Helena, Mont.
Nebraska.....	E. Sir Eben K. Long.....	Omaha, Neb.
New Hampshire.....	R. E. Sir John McLane.....	Milford, N.H.
New Jersey.....	E. Sir William H. Sebring.....	Plainfield, N.J.
New Mexico.....	E. Sir Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque N.M.
New York.....	E. Sir W. D. Painter.....	Binghamton, N.Y.
North Carolina.....	E. Sir James K. Norfleet.....	Winston, N.C.
North Dakota.....	E. Sir Arthur G. Lewis.....	Fargo, N.D.
Ohio.....	E. Sir Levi C. Goodale.....	Cincinnati, Ohio
Oklahoma.....	R. E. Sir Charles P. Wickmiller.....	Kingfisher, Okla.
Oregon.....	E. Sir F. A. Moore.....	Salem, Ore.
Pennsylvania.....	M. E. Sir John P. S. Gobin.....	Lebanon, Pa.
South Carolina.....	E. Sir Thomas R. Kiley.....	Greenwood, S.C.
South Dakota.....	E. Sir Marshall F. Montgomery.....	Lead, S.D.
Tennessee.....	E. Sir Charles H. Eastman.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Texas.....	E. Sir John C. Kidd.....	Houston, Texas
Vermont.....	E. Sir George H. Gorham.....	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Virginia.....	R. E. Sir A. B. Botts.....	Fredericksburg, Va.
West Virginia.....	E. Sir W. W. Whyte.....	Welch, W.Va.
Wisconsin.....	R. E. Sir Herbert N. Laffin.....	Milwaukee, Wis.
Wyoming.....	E. Sir Francis E. Warren.....	Cheyenne, Wyo.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Your Recorder has received from all
sources the sum of \$8,279.00
From the sale of diplomas \$13.00
" " " " certificates 25.50
" " " " Constitutions and Codes 1.50
" Annual dues of subordinates. 8,239.00

Making a total of \$8,279.00

All of which has been paid to R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse,
Grand Treasurer.

Your Recorder has on hand for sale for the benefit of the
Grand Commandery the following property:

135 copies of the Constitution and Code, each . \$1.50
893 certificates, each 25

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Recorder.

On motion the report was accepted and referred to the Com-
mittee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, October 20, 1909.

As Grand Treasurer, I present the following statement of
my receipts and disbursements for the year ending October
20, 1909:

RECEIPTS

Balance of cash on hand October 29, 1908	\$6,852.90
Received interest on bank balance to date	84.60
" from John Carr, Treasurer, income of the	
Grand Fund	1,204.08
" from B. W. Rowell, Grand Recorder	8,279.00
Total	\$16,420.58

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid John Carr, Treasurer of the Grand Fund, as per vote of the Grand Commandery, October 29, 1908	\$545.84
" John D. Munroe, Grand Commander, for con- tingent expenses	100.00
" Premium on bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder	47.50
" William E. Wilcox, Grand Sentinel	10.00
" John C. Page & Co., insurance	14.40
" Providence, Fall River & Newport Steamship Co.	75.00
" Annual Dues to the Grand Encampment.	806.65

Paid for flowers	\$25.00
" for express, telegrams, etc.	29.84
" for telephone	170.50
" for postage and stationery	128.58
" for printing	1,063.25
" for rents	1,200.00
" for collations and cigars	773.75
" for inspections	832.50
" Trustees of Grand Fund, one-tenth income of the Grand Commandery	823.90
" Salaries	1,000.00
" Committee on Correspondence	150.00
" for check book	1.25
" for cleaning office rugs, etc.	5.00
By balance to new account, deposited in People's National Bank	8,617.62
Total	<u>\$16,420.58</u>

Courteously submitted.

HERBERT F. MORSE,
Grand Treasurer.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was accepted and referred
to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND

JOHN CARR, *Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of the Grand
Fund of the Grand Commandery, K.T., of Massachusetts
and Rhode Island.*

RECEIPTS

	1908	ACCOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	
Oct. 20.	Balance	\$821.82	
Nov. 2.	Herbert F. Morse, Grand Treasurer, being amount received from the Grand Lodge of California as the unexpended balance of the contributions of the Commander- ies of this jurisdiction for the benefit of the San Francisco sufferers, and paid into the Grand Fund as per vote of		
	October 29, 1908	545.84	
Jan. 22.	Eliot Five Cents Savings Bank.	786.64	
April 1.	Boston & Lowell R.R. Bonds paid	3,000.00	
Oct. 14.	Eliot Five Cents Savings Bank.	135.70	
Oct. 15.	Herbert F. Morse, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, K.T., of Massa- chusetts and Rhode Island, one-tenth income of the Grand Commandery for the year ending October, 1909	823.90	
		<u>\$6,113.90</u>	

PAYMENTS

	1909	
Jan. 22.	Bought \$2,000.00 Boston & Maine R.R. Bonds, 4½s @ 105½	\$2,110.00
April 1.	Bought \$3,000.00 Boston & Maine R.R. Bonds, 4½s @ 106	3,180.00
		<u>\$5,290.00</u>
	Balance	823.90
		<u>\$6,113.90</u>

ACCOUNT OF INCOME

RECEIPTS

1909		
Jan. 7.	Boston & Maine R.R. Bond, \$1,000, 4½s, six months' interest	\$22.50
Feb. 1.	Masonic Temple Loan Bonds, \$7,000, 3½s, six months' interest	122.50
Jan. 22.	Boston & Maine R.R. Bonds, \$2,000, 4½s, interest to April 1	15.70
Feb. 1.	Boston & Maine R.R. Bonds, \$3,000, 4s, six months' interest	60.00
Mar. 22.	New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Bonds, \$4,000, 4s, six months' interest	80.00
April 1.	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Bonds, \$7,000, 4s, six months' interest	140.00
April 1.	Fitchburg R.R. Bonds, \$2,000, 4s, six months' interest	40.00
April 1.	Boston & Lowell R.R. Bonds, \$3,000, 4s, six months' interest	60.00
July 6.	Boston & Maine R.R. Bond, \$1,000, 4½s, six months' interest	22.50
Aug. 2.	Boston & Maine R.R. Bonds, \$3,000, 4s, six months' interest	60.00
Aug. 2.	Masonic Temple Loan Bonds, \$7,000, 3½s, six months' interest	122.50
Sept. 1.	New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Bonds, \$4,000, 4s, six months' interest	80.00
Oct. 1.	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Bonds \$7,000, 4s, six months' interest	140.00
Oct. 1.	Boston & Maine R.R. Bonds, \$5,000, 4½s, six months' interest	112.50
Oct. 1.	Fitchburg R.R. Bonds, \$2,000, 4s, six months' interest	40.00
Oct. 7.	Warren Institution for Savings, dividend	24.24
Oct. 7.	Provident Institution for Savings, dividend	22.71
Oct. 7.	Suffolk Savings Bank, dividend	11.48
Oct. 7.	North End Savings Bank, dividend	24.24
Oct. 7.	Home Savings Bank, dividend	24.48
Oct. 13.	Eliot Five Cents Savings Bank, dividend	38.73
		\$1,264.08

PAYMENTS

1909		
Jan. 1.	Security Safe Deposit Co. Box	\$10.00
Jan. 9.	Gilmour, Coolidge, Treasurer's Bond	50.00
		\$60.00
Oct. 16.	H. F. Morse, Grand Treasurer, Balance of Income of Grand Fund	1,204.08
		\$1,264.08

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN CARR,
Treasurer.

October, 1909.

PROPERTY ACCOUNT

The Grand Fund is invested as follows:

North End Savings Bank	\$600.00
Home Savings Bank	600.00
Provident Institution for Savings	600.00
Warren Institution for Savings	600.00
Suffolk Savings Bank	300.00
Eliot Five Cents Savings Bank	888.21
Boston & Maine R.R. Co. Bonds, 4s	3,000.00
Boston & Maine R.R. Co. Bonds, 4½s	6,000.00
Fitchburg R.R. Co. Bonds, 4s	2,000.00
New York, New Haven & Hartford Bonds, 4s	4,000.00
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Bonds, 4s	7,000.00
Masonic Temple Loan Bonds, 3½s	7,000.00
	\$32,588.21
Cash Balance	823.90
	\$33,412.11

JOHN D. MUNROE,
JOHN CARR,
ARTHUR G. POLLARD,
HERBERT F. MORSE,
Trustees of the Grand Fund.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Boston, October 19, 1909.

*Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant
Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and Trustees of the Grand Fund, and find the same correct, all payments being supported by proper vouchers. They have also examined the property in the possession of the Grand Recorder and the securities held by the Trustees of the Grand Fund, and find their reports correct as rendered.

The receipts of the Grand Recorder have been as follows:

From returns of subordinate Commanderies . . .	\$8,239.00
From sale of diplomas	13.00
From sale of certificates	25.50
From sale of constitutions	1.50
Total	\$8,279.00

Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt given therefor.

The receipts of the Grand Treasurer have been as follows:

Balance from previous account, cash on hand . . .	\$6,852.90
Received from the Grand Recorder	8,279.00
Received from Trustees of the Grand Fund	1,204.08
Received from interest on deposits	84.60
Total	\$16,420.58

His disbursements have been as follows, viz.:

Sundry accounts as given in detail by his report, vouchers for same being duly approved . . .	\$6,979.06
Paid Trustees of Grand Fund, one-tenth of income .	823.90
Balance to new account, cash on hand	8,617.62
Total	\$16,420.58

Your Committee would recommend that the salary of the Grand Treasurer be \$200.00, and that of the Grand Recorder \$800.00 for the ensuing financial year.

Courteously submitted,

WM. J. HOBBS,
SMITH B. HARRINGTON,
JAMES S. BLAKE,
Finance Committee.

On motion and by unanimous vote the report of the Committee was accepted, approved, and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER
R. E. SIR JOHN D. MUNROE

*Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights
Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

It gives me great pleasure, Eminent Sirs, to be able to greet you at this One Hundred and Fourth Annual Conclave of our Grand Commandery under such cheering conditions as have been partially disclosed to you already by the reports of the Grand Officers which have been read to you. The reports of the Inspecting Officers and much other information which comes to the office of the Grand Commander emphasize largely the great prosperity which has attended the work and the teachings of the officers of all our subordinate Commanderies, and the peace and harmony which has prevailed, not only between the subordinate Commanderies but between the subordinate Commanderies and the Grand Commandery Headquarters. The credit for this is largely due to the enthusiastic and intelligent work of the officers of subordinate Commanderies. The Grand Commander may, however, have the satisfaction of feeling that no obstacles have been placed in the way of any efforts which were deemed legitimate and calculated to enhance the prosperity and glory of our Order.

NECROLOGY

Our Divine Grand Master, the disposer of all human affairs, has dealt very kindly with us during the past year. Not a single death has occurred in the line of active officers of this Grand Commandery or in the roll of our Past Grand Commanders. During the past half year only one death has been reported among the members of this Grand Body. This is believed to be a most exceptional record. We give our humble and grateful thanks for this great mercy and our prayers for a continuance of divine favor and protection.

Eminent Sir WALTER SAMUEL THAYER, Past Commander of Woonsocket Commandery, died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Provi-

dence, following a surgical operation, on Thursday, July 29, 1909.

He was born in Providence, R.I., October 16, 1857, and was the son of (Sir) Allen Thayer, a charter member of Woonsocket Commandery, and Ellen M. (Cook) Thayer. His parents removing to Woonsocket, he attended the public schools there. After leaving school he worked for a time at the carpenter's trade, and subsequently he learned the business of brush manufacturing with his uncle (Sir) Philo E. Thayer, in Pawtucket, R.I. About twenty-five years ago they together purchased a brush manufactory in that city and later he became sole owner, operating the business with success under the name of the Woonsocket Brush Co. until the time of his death. He was united in marriage to Clara M. Fuller, June 24, 1880. She and a son, Walter Osmond Thayer, survive him. For a number of years he was a member of the City Council, representing the First Ward. September 15, 1902, he was chosen as a member of the Board of License Commissioners and served as such for six years.

He was raised June 15, 1893, in Morning Star Lodge, No. 13, A.F. & A.M., and was its Worshipful Master in 1899 and 1900. He was appointed Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M., of Rhode Island, on May 17, 1909, and held that office at the time of his death. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Union Chapter, No. 5, R.A.M., December 3, 1894. He was made a Select Master in Woonsocket Council, No. 4, R. & S.M. November 19, 1896, and held several offices. He was Knighted in Woonsocket Commandery February 12, 1895. After serving for several years in subordinate offices, he was elected and installed Eminent Commander October 10, 1905, serving one year. In his untimely demise the city has lost a citizen whose sterling qualities and integrity were respected throughout the community. His friends — they are many — mourn him as a veritable brother, kind, responsive, ever constant and true as steel. The Masonic fraternity has lost a staunch supporter—one who has ever had the best interests of the craft at heart.

IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Eminent Sir WILLIAM AUGUSTUS HANWAY, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, died March 10, 1909.

Eminent Sir GEORGE ROSS COFFORTH, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, died April 3, 1909.

Right Eminent Sir JAMES WILSON BRYANT, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, died April 12, 1909.

Eminent Sir WILLIAM NASH YOUNG, Past Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, died May 2, 1909.

Eminent Sir THOMAS ALFRED CREIGH, Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, died May 16, 1909.

Right Eminent Sir HARRY S. OLIVER, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Dakota, died May 20, 1909.

Eminent Sir THOMAS BLACK, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, died May 28, 1909.

Right Eminent Sir ORION L. HURLBUT, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, died May 31, 1909.

Eminent Sir JOHN H. BABCOCK, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, died June 8, 1909.

Right Eminent Sir WILLIAM CHAPMAN WILLISTON, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, died June 22, 1909.

Right Eminent Sir DUNCAN TURNER BACON, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, died July 1, 1909.

Right Eminent Sir ROBERT PITCAIRN, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, died July 25, 1909.

Sir Knight JAMES W. NULL, Grand Captain of the Guards of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas, died August 3, 1909.

Right Eminent Sir WILLIAM S. ROCKWELL, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, died September 20, 1909.

ST. JOHN'S DAY

The Festival of St. John's Day was, it is believed, more generally observed than usual. Having been made aware by a number of applications and in other ways of a general desire to take advantage of that season for an outing, either in groups of Commanderies in certain sections, or by separate Commanderies as a Ladies' Day, it was deemed wise to issue the general Dispensation which follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE
APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND.

Organized 1805.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

JOHN D. MUNROE,
Grand Commander

297 BELMONT STREET,

FALL RIVER, MASS., May 26, 1909.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
SERIES 1908-1909, }
No. 4.

*To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights in the
Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

In response to several requests and being aware of a desire on the part of many of the Commanderies of this Jurisdiction to celebrate the anniversary of St. John's Day by a Pilgrimage, Field Day or Outing,

I, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, do hereby grant this my Dispensation to the Commanderies throughout the Jurisdiction, to parade in full Templar uniform, with or without banners and music, for the purpose of making pilgrimages, having Field Days or Outings, in any place within this Jurisdiction in connection with the celebration of St. John's Day during the period between and including June 21 and 28, 1909.

Due and proper return will be made to me of any action had under this authority, within thirty days of its acceptance, and

this Dispensation filed in the archives of the Commandery and spread in full upon its records.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery, this twenty-second day of May, A.D. 1909, A.O. 791.

Courteously and Fraternally,

JOHN D. MUNROE,

Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
Grand Recorder.

It is pleasant to note that the returns received as required by this Dispensation and which comprise all so far as known of the Commanderies who availed themselves of it, indicate that the gatherings and outings were very enjoyable.

In the southeastern section of the Jurisdiction seven Commanderies assembled at the invitation of South Shore Commandery at East Weymouth. At the request of the Commander of South Shore Commandery, Eminent Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Senior Warden, was, by Special Order No. 1, detailed as Inspecting and Reviewing Officer to represent the Grand Commandery. His report to the Grand Commander is herewith appended.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE
APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND.

SPECIAL ORDER No. 1.

May 21, 1909.

Eminent Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Senior Warden, is hereby detailed as Inspecting Officer at the field day and outing of the several Commanderies to assemble at Weymouth, Mass., in celebration of St. John's Day, June 24, 1909.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

JOHN D. MUNROE,

Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE
APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND.

June 28, 1909.

JOHN D. MUNROE, ESQ.,

*Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery
of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode
Island, Fall River, Mass.*

Dear and Right Eminent Sir: In compliance with your Special Order No. 1, detailing me as reviewing officer at the field day and outing of the several Commanderies to assemble at East Weymouth, Mass., in celebration of St. John's Day, June 24, 1909, I would respectfully report as follows:

I repaired to that place and was assisted by Eminent Sir Charles E. Pierce as Grand Warder. South Shore Commandery of East Weymouth were the hosts of the day. The other Commanderies participating were Washington Commandery of Newport, Calvary Commandery of Providence, Old Colony Commandery of Abington, Sutton Commandery of New Bedford, St. Omer Commandery of Dorchester, Bristol Commandery of Attleboro, Bay State Commandery of Brockton, each Commandery being accompanied by a band.

The day's celebration consisted of a very gratifying parade of the different Commanderies and a review by the reviewing officer and staff at the Masonic quarters. After the parade the party repaired to Nantasket, where a very elaborate clam-bake was enjoyed. In the afternoon the Commanderies enjoyed a delightful sail on the steamer provided and after a three hours' sail we returned to Nantasket, where a lunch was served. A special train left Nantasket at 6.28 P.M., carrying the guests to their respective homes.

The pleasures of the day were greatly increased by the presence of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and his Grand Warder. Other Grand Officers present were E. Sir Lafayette

G. Blair, Captain General; E. Sir Henry E. Yenetchi, Grand Lecturer; E. Sir Charles E. Pierce, E. Grand Captain of the Guards, and a number of other Eminent Sirs, special guests of the South Shore Commandery.

The day was voted a success in every respect and the knightly courtesies extended and the general bearing of the Sir Knights was of that high character which is alone characteristic of the members of our fraternity. Everything passed off to the satisfaction of the hosts and to the honor of the Grand Commandery of which they are a part.

I have the honor, sir, to be

Courteously yours,

FRANK L. NAGLE,

Eminent Grand Senior Warden.

It was the Grand Commander's privilege to be present on this occasion, and he desires to return thanks for the courtesies and consideration shown him.

In the northwestern part of the Jurisdiction there was also a number of Commanderies assembled at North Adams, at the invitation of St. Paul Commandery. The Grand Commander was very courteously invited to be present on the occasion but found it impossible, notwithstanding his ardent desire to do so. No request having been received for a detail to represent the Grand Commandery, and having knowledge that two active officers of the Grand Commandery were to be present at that time, and also of the General Regulation which provides that where two or more Commanderies are assembled together the ranking Grand Officer, if any be present, should assume command, it was thought unnecessary to make one. Reports from individual Commanderies have been received of this tour of duty, but no general report.

DISPENSATIONS

But few special Dispensations were asked for and all but one were granted. The one not granted was for permission to

receive several applications and ballot on them at the same Conclave. Even had our Regulations permitted such use of the dispensing power the request would have been refused. Junior officers of Commanderies should make note of the fact that such requests cannot be granted and it is useless to apply for them.

To Winslow Lewis Commandery, No. 18, to parade in Templar uniform, with banners and music, on June 17, 1909, with permission to leave the Jurisdiction for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Portland, Me., permission having been obtained from the Grand Commander of Maine to enter that Jurisdiction.

To Newburyport Commandery, No. 3, to parade in full Templar uniform, with or without banners and without music, for the purpose of attending religious service at the Byfield Congregational Church at Byfield, Mass., on Sunday, June 20, 1909.

To Gethsemane Commandery, No. 35, to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, in the city of Waltham, on the occasion of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the city, June 17, 1909.

To Olivet Commandery, No. 36, to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Nashua, N.H., June 24, 1909, permission having been obtained from the Grand Commander of New Hampshire to enter that Jurisdiction.

To Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20, to parade in fatigue uniform, without music or banners, for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to New Castle, N.H., on June 26, 27, 28, 29, 1909, permission for entering the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire having been received from the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

To Palestine Commandery, No. 10, to parade with banners and music, July 24, 1909, as escort to the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple in Chelsea.

To William Parkman Commandery, No. 28, to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, on Saturday, July 24, 1909, for the purpose of joining with Palestine Commandery, No. 10, in doing escort duty to the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and Masonic Lodges of Chelsea, at the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple in Chelsea.

To Bethany Commandery, No. 17, to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Cushing's Island, Portland Harbor, Saturday, September 4, 1909, returning Monday, September 6, 1909, permission having been obtained from the Grand Commander of Maine to enter that Jurisdiction.

To St. Omer Commandery, No. 21, to attend divine service at the Stoughton Street Baptist Church, Dorchester, Mass., Sunday, October 17, 1909, without street music.

To Palestine Commandery, No. 10, to parade in full uniform, with banners and music, on Sunday, October 3, 1909, for the purpose of performing escort duty to the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Universalist Church in Chelsea, Mass.

To Bethany Commandery, No. 17, to hold a public installation of officers Monday evening, October 18, 1909.

DECISIONS

Only a few Decisions were asked for, and all the questions proposed were so fully covered by the Constitutions and Regulations as to make it unnecessary to refer to them.

In this connection it is suggested that it might be well to consider the expediency of codifying in a compact form the laws and decisions enacted and approved since the present copy was published. It is not practicable for a Commander to search the published proceedings for the last eleven or twelve years, to inform himself as to any changes in the old or any new regulations

enacted during that time. The Commander ordinarily serves but one year, and with the cares of his ritualistic work and the many other duties incident to his office, he cannot fairly be expected to become an authority on laws, regulations and decisions under the present conditions. It is suggested that Recorders, who in most cases are practically permanent officers, should be impressed with the duty of making themselves acquainted with the standing regulations and constitutions of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery, so that they might render the same useful assistance to their Commanders as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery now give to the executive officers of those bodies. If that were so the Grand Commandery headquarters would not receive communications signed by Recorders of subordinate Commanderies stating that, "I am directed by the acting Eminent Commander to request," etc. It is only fair to state, however, that there is a good number of our Recorders to whom this suggestion does not apply and who are model officers.

The Grand Commander is asked to rule on another question, but as it pertains to the ritual it may be thought wise not to include it in the printed report. In some Commanderies it is customary to dub each candidate immediately after receiving the fifth libation, and it is believed that that conforms to the spirit and intent of the ritual. In almost all the Commanderies where a number of candidates are being advanced at the same time, the Commander frequently gives his junior officers an opportunity to conduct a part of the work. This practice is highly approved of. Sometimes Past Commanders are asked to perform the same service. The question asked concerned the form of words to be used by such officers in dubbing a Sir Knight. Whether he should follow the ritual as laid down for the Eminent Commander and say to the candidate, "By virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Eminent Commander of this Commandery, I dub thee Knight." The Grand Commander gave it as his opinion that the officer conferring the Order should give his own official title and then add "and by direction of the Eminent Commander" except in the case of the absence or dis-

ability of the Eminent Commander the Generalissimo or Captain General may be commanding, in which case they will still use their own official title but omit the reference to the direction of the Eminent Commander.

REQUESTS

On the request of R. E. Sir Charles F. Batchelder, Grand Commander of New Hampshire, permission was granted to St. George Commandery of Nashua, N.H., to enter this Jurisdiction in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Lynn, Mass., and making a fraternal visit to Olivet Commandery, St. John's Day, June 24.

Also to De Witt Clinton Commandery, under the same conditions, for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Manchester-by-the-Sea on the same date.

On the request of E. Sir Frederick W. Farnham, Commander of Pilgrim Commandery, forwarded approved by these headquarters and the headquarters of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, Columbia Commandery, No. 2, of Washington, D.C., conferred the Orders of the Temple and Malta on Red Cross Companion J. B. Reed, he having been elected and received the Order of the Red Cross in Pilgrim Commandery, which courtesy was duly acknowledged by Pilgrim Commandery.

On the request of Gethsemane Commandery, also transmitted approved through regular channels, Columbia Commandery of Wenatchee, State of Washington, conferred the Orders of the Red Cross, Temple and Malta on R. A. Companion Arthur Washburn, who had been accepted in Gethsemane Commandery but for business reasons was called to Wenatchee, to remain there for about a year, and a draft on the treasury of Columbia Commandery was forwarded to Gethsemane Commandery for the fees collected. No acknowledgment of this courtesy has yet been received at these headquarters.

On the request of Berkshire Commandery, No. 22, forwarded approved regularly, Canton Commandery, No. 38, of Canton, Ohio, conferred the Orders of the Red Cross, Temple and Malta upon R. A. Companion Walter Carroll Bon, and due return was made of such action.

CONCLUSION

In closing this report I may be pardoned a personal word. When I shall have installed my successor and invested him with the jewel of authority I shall have completed thirteen years of continuous service as an officer of this Grand Commandery. I need scarcely say that they have been years of many pleasant and enjoyable experiences. The kindness and courtesy characteristic of Knights Templars have been accorded me in full measure and running over. Do me the further kindness to believe that I am very, very grateful. During the past year as your Grand Commander I have received the most loyal support from all the Grand Officers. This is especially true of our most efficient and courteous Grand Recorder on whom all Grand Commanders must rely for a great deal of information. I am glad to make acknowledgment of his cheerful assistance whenever requested. And now, Eminent Sirs, as the last words I shall have to say to you as an officer, let me hope that whatever faults, whether of omission or of judgment, may have occurred during my term of service may be forgotten, and only the fact remembered that I gave the best talents I had to the duties with which I was intrusted. May He whom we have vowed to serve as the Grand Captain of our Salvation bless and prosper this Grand Commandery and the Order of Knights Templars in all its endeavors to inspire men for better and purer living.

On motion of Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, the address was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

COMMUNICATION FROM M. E. SIR HENRY W. RUGG,
GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT
OF THE U.S.A.

The R. E. Grand Commander read the following communication:

HOTEL CADILLAC, DETROIT, MICH.,

October 18, 1909.

JOHN D. MUNROE, ESQ.,

Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery

*Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,
Masonic Temple, Boston.*

R. E. Sir Knight and dear Frater: Greatly to my regret I shall be unable to be present at the Annual Conclave of our Grand Commandery on the twentieth instant.

My engagement in Michigan at this time is one of long standing and its date could not be changed.

Be assured that I shall have the officers and members of the Grand Body much in thought on the morrow.

May the Conclave be in every way successful, and tend to the furtherance of those principles and interests which are fundamental to Masonic Templary.

With affectionate and fraternal greetings to the Sir Knights of my own Jurisdiction, I am,

Courteously and cordially yours,

HENRY W. RUGG,

Grand Master.

On motion of R. E. Sir Young, it was ordered that a message be forwarded to the M. E. Grand Master expressing the regrets of Grand Commandery at his inability to be present at this Conclave.

In compliance with this vote the following telegram was forwarded to M. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America:

BOSTON, MASS., October 20, 1909.

REV. HENRY W. RUGG, D.D.,

Hotel Cadillac, Detroit, Mich.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island acknowledges the receipt of your letter expressing regret at not being able to be present at its Annual Conclave, and begs to assure you of its continued regard for your prosperity and success in the high office in which you are reflecting so much honor upon this grand old Jurisdiction.

BENJAMIN W. ROWELL,

E. BENTLEY YOUNG,

For Grand Commandery.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee on Correspondence, through E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, reported in print, and copies of the report were distributed to the members present.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

MASONIC TEMPLE,

BOSTON, MASS., October 20, 1909.

R. E. Grand Commander: Your Committee on By-Laws have received from Woonsocket Commandery, No. 24, and Pilgrim Commandery, No. 9, amendments to By-Laws relating to fees for the Orders in their respective Commanderies, and we recommend that they be approved.

An amendment has been received from Palestine Commandery, No. 10, "providing that Past Eminent Commanders upon retiring from office, provided they have served one year or more, immediately become honorary members."

Your Committee find, on reference to the Grand Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, that in every case where honorary membership is considered it presupposes an

election, and while we do not find that there is any Regulation which explicitly provides that an honorary member must be elected by ballot, yet it appears to the Committee that it is intended that honorary membership should in all cases be subjected to ballot. We therefore recommend that the amendment submitted by Palestine Commandery be not approved.

(Signed) HARRY HUNT,
EDGAR S. TAFT,

Committee on By-Laws.

The report was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
BOSTON, October 20, 1909.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report as follows: They have carefully examined the semi-annual address of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, which was the only matter referred to them for consideration, and find it an able and carefully prepared state paper. It evinces much care and forethought on the part of the Right Eminent and shows that he has attended to his manifold duties with an eye single to the best interests of this Grand Commandery and of the several Commanderies acknowledging allegiance to this Grand Body.

NECROLOGY

Many of the beloved Fraters of this Grand Body have fallen by the wayside during the year, some of whom have for many years been prominent and active in advancing the interests of Templar Masonry. To the memory of all these the Right Eminent paid a fitting and appreciative tribute. Appropriate mention is also made of the Fraters in sister Grand Commanderies whose light has gone out during that period.

CHRISTMAS AND EASTER OBSERVANCES

Christmas and Easter observances were very general throughout the Jurisdiction, and for these occasions the Grand Commander issued a general dispensation for all the Commanderies, which was right and proper and the Committee recommend approval of the same. But few other dispensations were asked for and granted, and as these all appear to your Committee to be for proper Templar purposes, we recommend approval of the same.

DECISIONS

Under this head only three matters of importance were brought before the Right Eminent for a ruling, in each of which the decision seems to have been in accordance with common sense and for the best interests of Templarism. First, that a person holding membership in a Lodge or Chapter, but who had not been made a Mason in a regular and duly constituted Lodge, recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, could not become a member of a Commandery in this Jurisdiction. We recommend approval of this decision, as such a person must be considered a clandestine Mason until properly healed. Second, the Right Eminent ruled that at a meeting called regularly to amend the By-Laws of a Commandery, due notice having been given as required by law, only the amendment under consideration and of which such notice had been given could be acted upon at that Conclave, and that without alteration or amendment. While under parliamentary law and practice almost any amendment to the matter under consideration is in order, yet we believe that the rule should be firmly established that when a change in the organic law of a Templar body is contemplated, no amendment should be allowed until after due and legal notice has been given to every member of that body. We therefore approve the decision of the Grand Commander and recommend that such ruling be promulgated as the law of this Grand Commandery.

We recommend the approval of the action of the Grand Commander allowing a Commandery to appear in a mixed

parade, composed of military bodies recognized by both State and nation, to escort the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of a soldiers' and sailors' monument. The Grand Commander's comments on this occasion seem to be eminently correct.

The address of the Grand Commander gives a careful *résumé* of much Templar business transacted during the semi-annual period, many meetings attended and many requests answered. The address covers a wide range of duties fully attended to and reflects great credit on its author. We heartily commend it as a whole for its intelligent and careful consideration of many matters of interest to this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. STOTT,
JOHN P. SANBORN,
Committee.

The report was, upon motion, accepted and the recommendations therein contained approved.

ROLL-CALL OF COMMANDERIES

The roll of Commanderies was then called by the E. Grand Retorder, when all responded as follows:

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY
St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.
Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.
Worcester County.....	5	Worcester, Mass.
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass.
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.
Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass.
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.
Connecticut Valley.....	23	Greenfield, Mass.
Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.
Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.
William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass.
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass.
South Shore.....	31	East Weymouth, Mass.
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.
Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass.
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass.
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.
Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.

THE ROLL OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES
NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND

The Grand Recorder called the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, when the following responded:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	REPRESENTATIVE	RESIDENCE
Alabama.....	R..E..Sir William H. H. Soule.....	Brookline, Mass.
Arizona.....	E..Sir E. Bentley Young.....	Boston, Mass.
Arkansas.....	R..E..Sir Herbert F. Morse.....	Roxbury, Mass.
California.....	E..Sir John D. Munroe.....	Fall River, Mass.
Colorado.....	E..Sir Smith B. Harrington.....	Wollaston Heights, Mass.
Idaho.....	E..Sir Judson C. MacKenzie.....	Fall River, Mass.
Indiana.....	R..E..Sir Edwin A. Blodgett.....	Springfield, Mass.
Indian Territory.....	E..Sir Walter W. Burnham.....	Providence, R.I.
Kansas.....	E..Sir Charles A. Estey.....	East Boston, Mass.
Kentucky.....	R..E..Sir John P. Sanborn.....	Newport, R.I.
Louisiana.....	E..Sir George E. Stacy.....	Milford, Mass.
Maine.....	E..Sir Freeman C. Hersey.....	Boston, Mass.
Minnesota.....	R..E..Sir Charles A. Stott.....	Lowell, Mass.
Mississippi.....	E..Sir Benjamin W. Rowell.....	Lynn, Mass.
Montana.....	R..E..Sir Winthrop Messenger.....	Melrose, Mass.
New Mexico.....	E..Sir Lafayette G. Blair.....	Watertown, Mass.
New York.....	R..E..Sir George H. Allen.....	Lynn, Mass.
North Carolina.....	E..Sir Frank L. Nagle.....	Newton, Mass.
North Dakota.....	E..Sir Charles E. Pierce.....	South Boston, Mass.
Ohio.....	R..E..Sir Charles I. Litchfield.....	Plymouth, Mass.
Oklahoma.....	R..E..Sir Caleb Saunders.....	Lawrence, Mass.
Oregon.....	E..Sir Harry Hunt.....	Melrose, Mass.
Pennsylvania.....	E..Sir Arthur G. Pollard.....	Lowell, Mass.
South Carolina.....	E..Sir Benjamin W. Rowell.....	Lynn, Mass.
Tennessee.....	E..Sir J. Gilman Waite.....	Medford, Mass.
Texas.....	E..Sir J. Albert Blake.....	Malden, Mass.
Wyoming.....	E..Sir Eugene A. Holton.....	Boston, Mass.

REMARKS BY V..E..SIR FREDERICK C. THAYER, GRAND WARDER
OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

In response to a call of the R..E..Grand Commander, V..E.. Sir F. C. Thayer responded as follows:

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Right Eminent Sirs, Eminent Sirs, Sir Knights, dear Brothers all: I desire, in the first place, to say that it is a positive, personal satisfaction, as well as a great pleasure which I highly appreciate, to again engage in the most agreeable duty of visiting this Grand Body as the representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. I am here in his behalf, and by his direction to extend to you the Knightly greetings, the cordial good will, and the choicest felicitations of the Sovereign Grand Body of which he is the chosen and honored head, and to whom we all, from the very latest acquisition on the extreme left of the line to Right Eminent Grand Commanders presiding over their Grand Bodies in solemn Conclave assembled, cheerfully and loyally acknowledge obedience.

I only regret that you are not to learn from him the extent of his good wishes for Templary in this Grand Jurisdiction, that you cannot hear from his lips the kindly words that this occasion would surely bring forth. I would, indeed, that his individuality was to grace and cheer this opportune coming together. That you know much better than I can tell the kindly spirit which is the governing power of his activities, I am very well aware. I truly wish, as I know *you* must, that we might today and now listen to the words of wisdom and kindness which would come teeming forth from a heart full of love, and a life full of service to his fellow man, that we might feel his actual, personal presence, which always carries with it the inspiration of having received an approving, gracious, reverential benediction.

Sir Knights, it is sometimes wise, and invigorating as well, to return to basic causes, to make sure of our foundation, to

determine if we are building as well as we may, if we are fulfilling as we ought, and as the world has a right to expect, the promises of the past.

The fundamental, supreme principles of Freemasonry are the Eternal Fatherhood of God and the Eternal Brotherhood of Man, the grand characteristics of Templary, charity and hospitality, being their natural outgrowth, the evolutionary results of their functioning energy.

The foundations *are* firm and sound, broad and unassailable. Our inheritance is secure. The history of this sterling Order, hazily shrouded in the shadows of the past, the love, loyalty and unselfish devotion of the fathers should inspire us to the fulfillment of the responsibilities which come to us from out that glorious vista. We should ever recognize, and always be governed by the axiomatic fact that with a great stewardship is associated equally important obligations.

It is true in ethics as in biology and economics, that function is the gauge of life. The activities of life are essentially the proof of its existence. The student of physical life, earnestly seeking for final causes, discovers two cells, microscopic in size, to all appearance alike, each so far as physical examination is concerned presents the same general and minute characteristics, both having power of reproduction, and yet the one merely produces another cell like itself, and so on through the eternal ages, the other, because of its peculiar inheritance and vitalizing force, by process of development produces man with all his complexity of organization and functioning power.

Within this grand old organization of ours, the best in our broad land, whose patrons are men of learning, culture and large business ability, men who give without stint of their very best for the good of their fellow man, men of broad vision, wide experience and diverse interests, there is resident all of the essential principles, having the heritage of wonderful potentiality and evolutionary power, which if carefully nurtured, intelligently directed, honestly and unselfishly guided, actively and industriously promoted, can vastly increase its usefulness as an instrument for the betterment of mankind, causing it to become an irresistible power in the universal, moral uplift,

perpetuating in a more catholic and comprehensive range that broad-hearted charity and knight-errantry which have so signally characterized its activities in the past.

The message then which I bring to you from the Grand Master is an earnest plea for an increased, intelligent activity, for an earnest, honest endeavor, holding fast to the fundamental principles, to intensify and broaden their functioning power, to see that their beneficent influence is neither impeded nor diverted, to be sure that we resolutely crush within ourselves the first beginnings of unloving thought toward our fellows, that our own lives are so ordered that we, by love and service, make good our solemn covenant. Intense desire for good, not infrequently, proves prophetic of its own fulfillment, at least it prepares us for its attainment, as well as assists us to recognize the good and the beautiful whenever and wherever we behold it.

Let us cultivate with assiduity, zealously, strenuously, the desire to accomplish all that may be for the furtherance of the practical application of the tenets of our profession, and you may be sure that as generation succeeds generation for ages to come it will be demonstrated that entrenched in its glorious history, consecrated by the blessed memories of its founders and patrons, anchored in the eternal foundation of its immortal principles, this institution will go on and on, forever vitalizing in the future as it has in the past all who come within the scope of its influence.

RESOLUTION BY JOSEPH WARREN COMMANDERY NO. 26

The following resolution from E. Sir George W. Knowlton of Joseph Warren Commandery was read by the Grand Recorder, which was upon motion referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Joseph Warren Commandery, No. 26, offers the following for the consideration of the Grand Commandery:

That the subordinate Commanderies in this Jurisdiction be permitted to use such ritual for burial services as they may desire,

provided such service shall first be approved by the Grand Commandery.

GEO. W. KNOWLTON,
Commander.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE DAY

The Committee of the Day, consisting of E. Sirs Eugene A. Holton, Everett C. Benton and John W. Crooks, reported that dinner was ready to be served in the banquet hall at one o'clock, and tickets would be distributed to all present upon application to the Grand Recorder.

REMARKS

R. E. Sir Harry R. Virgin, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, addressed Grand Commandery at length, his words being received with hearty applause.

AT REFRESHMENT

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the R. E. Grand Commander declared a recess until two o'clock P.M.

The Sir Knights then repaired to the banquet hall and enjoyed a bountiful repast that had been prepared under the supervision of the Committee of the Day.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The hour of two thirty o'clock having arrived, the Sir Knights were called to order in the Asylum, and the business of the Conclave proceeded with.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The R. E. Grand Commander announced that by Constitutional Law the next business before the Grand Commandery would be the election of officers, and appointed as a committee to distribute the ballots for R. E. Grand Commander, the Senior and Junior Wardens, and to collect, sort and count the ballots R. E. Sirs Saunders, Blodgett and Litchfield.

The Committee having attended to their duty reported that the number of ballots cast for Grand Commander was 113, all of which were for V. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as a Committee to retire and escort V. E. Sir Burnham into the Asylum, R. E. Sirs Caleb Saunders, George H. Allen, John P. Sanborn, William H. H. Soule, Herbert F. Morse, Winthrop Messenger, Freeman C. Hersey, Edwin A. Blodgett, E. Bentley Young and Charles I. Litchfield, who having performed the duty assigned them, the R. E. Grand Commander informed V. E. Sir Burnham of his unanimous election as Grand Commander, whereupon V. E. Sir Burnham expressed his thanks for the honor, pledging his best endeavors to the fulfillment of the duties of the office, and accepted the same.

V. E. Sir Burnham was then duly installed as R. E. Grand Commander by R. E. Sir Munroe, when he announced the following appointments:

REV. GEORGE L. PERIN, D.D.	Grand Prelate
FRED I. DANA	Grand Standard Bearer
SAMUEL D. SHERWOOD	Grand Sword Bearer
FRANK T. PEARCE	Grand Warder
ISAAC CHASE	Grand Captain of the Guard
HENRY H. LITCHFIELD	} Grand Lecturers
WILLIAM H. EMERSON	
HENRY A. YENETCHI	
WILLIAM J. BOLTON	
FRANK E. DAVIS	} Grand Sentinel
WILLIAM E. WILCOX	

Committee on Correspondence

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Committee on Jurisprudence

R. E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT R. E. Sir JOHN P. SANBORN
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E.: Sir EDGAR S. TAFT

Committee on Printing

E.*.Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL E.*.Sir EDWARD G. GRAVES
E.*.Sir J. GILMAN WAITE

Committee on Credentials

E. Sir S. EVERETT TINKHAM E. Sir EBEN H. CAIN
E. Sir JOSEPH H. POTTER

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with and resulted in the unanimous election of

E.*Sir J. ALBERT BLAKE . . .	V.*E.*Deputy Grand Commander
E.*Sir LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR	Grand Generalissimo
E.*Sir FRANK L. NAGLE	Grand Captain General
E.*Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON	Grand Senior Warden
E.*Sir WALTER F. MEDDING	Grand Junior Warden
R.*E.*Sir HERBERT F. MORSE	Grand Treasurer
E.*Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL	Grand Recorder
E.*Sir JOHN CARR	Trustee of the Grand Fund for three years

V. E. Sir Frederick C. Thayer, M. E. Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, assisted by R. E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, as Grand Marshal, then installed the officers elect and appointed into their respective offices, and proclamation having been made, the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was declared duly organized.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL

R. : E. : Sir Burnham then, in the name of Grand Commandery, presented to R. : E. : Sir Munroe the regulation Past Grand Commander's jewel.

The business of the Conclave being concluded, the R. E. Grand Commander expressed his thanks for the attention of the E. Sir Knights in attendance. The Grand Commandery was then declared adjourned after uniting in their devotions with E. Sir George L. Perin, Grand Prelate.

A true record of the official acts and doings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at its Conclaves held during the year.

ATTEST:



Edw Corwell.

Grand Recorder.

ORGANIZATION

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

AND APPENDANT ORDERS

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

OCTOBER 20, 1909

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V. E. Sir J. ALBERT BLAKE	Deputy Grand Commander
E. Sir LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR	Grand Generalissimo
E. Sir FRANK L. NAGLE	Grand Captain General
E. Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON	Grand Senior Warden
E. Sir WALTER F. MEDDING	Grand Junior Warden
E. Sir GEORGE L. PERIN	Grand Prelate
R. E. Sir HERBERT F. MORSE	Grand Treasurer
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OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1907-10

At the Thirtieth Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar of the United States, held at Saratoga Springs, New York, July 9-11, 1907, the following officers were elected or appointed for the ensuing term of 1910; to wit:

SIR KNIGHT HENRY WARREN RUGG *M.E. Grand Master*
Providence, R.I.

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM BROMWELL MELISH, *R.E. Deputy Grand Master*
Cincinnati, Ohio

SIR KNIGHT ARTHUR MACARTHUR *V.E. Grand Generalissimo*
Troy, N.Y.

SIR KNIGHT W. FRANK PIERCE *V.E. Grand Captain General*
San Francisco, Cal.

SIR KNIGHT LEE S. SMITH *V.E. Grand Senior Warden*
Pittsburg, Pa.

SIR KNIGHT JOSEPH KYLE ORR *V.E. Grand Junior Warden*
Atlanta, Ga.

SIR KNIGHT GEORGE C. RAFTER *V.E. Grand Prelate*
Cheyenne, Wyo.

SIR KNIGHT H. WALES LINES *V.E. Grand Treasurer*
Meriden, Conn.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN ARCHIBALD GEROW *V.E. Grand Recorder*
Detroit, Mich.

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM HENRY NORRIS *V.E. Grand Standard Bearer*
Manchester, Iowa

SIR KNIGHT JEHIEL WESTON CHAMBERLAIN, *V.E. Grand Sword Bearer*
St. Paul, Minn.

SIR KNIGHT FREDERICK C. THAYER *V.E. Grand Warder*
Portland, Maine

SIR KNIGHT HARRISON DINGMAN *Grand Captain of Guard*
Washington, D.C.

The Thirty-first Triennial Conclave will be held in the city of Chicago, Ill., the second week in August, 1910.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

GRAND MASTERS FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE DEATH OF DE MOLAY

1 Hugh de Payens.....	1118	14 Philip de Plessis.....	1201
2 Robert of Burgundy.....	1139	15 William de Carnota.....	1217
3 Edward de Barri.....	1147	16 Peter de Montagu.....	1218
4 Bernard de Trenellape.....	1151	17 Armand de Petragrossa.....	1229
5 Bertrand de Blanchefort.....	1154	18 Herman de Petragrorius.....	1237
6 Andrew de Montbar.....	1165	19 William de Rupefort.....	1244
7 Philip of Naplus.....	1169	20 William de Sonnac.....	1247
8 Odo de St. Amand.....	1171	21 Reginald Vichierius.....	1250
9 Annold de Troye.....	1180	22 Thomas Beraud.....	1257
10 John Terrieus.....	1185	23 William de Beaujeau.....	1274
11 Gerard Ridefort.....	1187	24 Theobald Gaudinius.....	1291
12 Robert Sablaeus.....	1191	25 Jacques de Molay.....	1298
13 Gilbert Gralius.....	1196	De Molay died in 1314.	

THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

NAME	YEARS	RESIDENCE	DIED
*1 DeWitt Clinton.....	1816-1828	New York, N.Y.....	February 11, 1828
*2 Jonathan Nye.....	1829-1834	Claremont, N.H.....	April 1, 1843
*3 James Madison Allen.....	1835-1844	Cayuga, N.Y.....	—, —
*4 Archibald Bull.....	1844-1846	Troy, N.Y.....	December 22, 1865
*5 William B. Hubbard.....	1847-1858	Columbus, Ohio.....	January 5, 1866
*6 Benjamin B. French.....	1859-1864	Washington, D.C.....	August 12, 1870
*7 Henry L. Palmer.....	1865-1867	Milwaukee, Wis.....	May 6, 1909
*8 William Sewall Gardner...	1868-1870	Newton, Mass.....	October 14, 1877
*9 John Q. A. Fellows.....	1871-1873	New Orleans, La.....	November 28, 1897
*10 James H. Hopkins.....	1874-1876	Pittsburg, Pa.....	June 17, 1904
*11 Vincent L. Hurlbut.....	1877-1879	Chicago, Ill.....	July 24, 1896
*12 Benjamin Dean.....	1880-1882	Boston, Mass.....	April 9, 1897
*13 Robert E. Withers.....	1883-1885	Wytheville, Va.....	September 21, 1907
*14 Charles Roome.....	1886-1889	New York, N.Y.....	June 28, 1890
15 John P. S. Gobin.....	1889-1892	Lebanon, Pa.....	.....
*16 Hugh McCurdy.....	1892-1895	Corunna, Mich.....	July 16, 1908
17 Warren LaRue Thomas...	1895-1898	Maysville, Ky.....	.....
*18 Reuben Hedly Lloyd.....	1898-1901	San Francisco, Cal.....	March 10, 1909
19 Henry B. Stoddard.....	1901-1904	Bryan, Texas.....	.....
20 George M. Moulton.....	1904-1907	Chicago Ill.....	.....
21 Henry W. Rugg.....	1907-	Providence, R.I.....	.....

* Deceased.

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.), "in the year of light."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi (A.M.), "in the year of the world."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.I.), "in the year of discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their Order, Anno Ordinis (A.O.), "in the year of the Order."

Order of High Priesthood date from the year of the blessing of Abram by the High Priest Melchisedek, Anno Benefacio (A.B.), "in the year of blessing."

Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24.

Festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27.

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons — Add 4000 years to the common era.
Thus: 1909 and 4000 — 5909.

Scottish Rite — Add 3760 to the common era. Thus: 1909 and 3760 — 5669. After September add another year.

Royal Arch — Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1909 and 530 — 2439.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1000 to the common time.
Thus: 1909 and 1000 — 2909.

Knights Templars — From the Christian era take 1118. Thus 1118 from 1909 — 791.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of blessing. Thus: 1909 and 1913 — 3822.

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE

Charter, March 18, 1821

PAST COMMANDERS

[While under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island]

Sir Rev. Solomon Sias

Sir Joseph M. Gerrish

Sir Thomas S. Bowles

Sir Samuel Fessenden

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854 it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

Charter, June 16, 1825

PAST COMMANDERS

*Sir Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascom, 1825

*Sir Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D.D., 1826

*Sir John Warner, 1827

*Sir Rev. Joshua Flagg, 1828

The last recorded Assembly of this Encampment was held April 14, 1829. Its charter was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838. The records were finally restored to the Grand Recorder, November 13, 1876, and are now in the archives of the Grand Commandery.

IN MEMORIAM



In Memoriam

This Page is dedicated to the Em. Sir Knights of
Sister Jurisdictions who have passed to
the great beyond during the year

“At last,
When on my day of life the night is falling,
And in the winds from unsunned spaces blown
I hear far voices out of darkness calling
My feet to paths unknown,

“Thou, who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
Leave not its tenant when its walls decay.
O Love divine! O Helper! ever present,
Be thou my strength and stay.

“I have but Thee, O Father! Let thy Spirit
Be with me, then, to comfort and uphold:
No gate of pearl, no branch of palm I merit,
Nor street of shining gold.”

Hail and farewell!

Mortuary, 1908=1909

St. Johns, No. 1

Byron W. Wells . . . Oct. 23, 1908
 Russell C. Champlin . . . Nov. 20, 1908
 Gilbert A. Phillips . . . Nov. 25, 1908
 Willard A. Hawkins . . . Dec. 11, 1908
 John William Moore . . . Dec. 20, 1908
 Stephen A. Potter . . . Dec. 25, 1908
 Byron F. Kingsbury . . . Jan. 3, 1909
 Philander Williams . . . Mar. 20, 1909
 Bumah E. Perkins . . . Mar. 30, 1909
 Charles E. Evans . . . May 26, 1909
 Job W. Borden . . . May 30, 1909
 Ira Winsor . . . June 16, 1909
 Charles P. Bennett . . . Aug. 25, 1909
 James H. Sweet . . . Sept. 2, 1909
 Richard H. Hall . . . Sept. 6, 1909

Boston, No. 2

Elmer Hautz Spaulding . . Nov. 6, 1908
 Charles Davis Amable . . Nov. 26, 1908
 James Walker Donald . . Nov. 20, 1908
 William Henry Lyon . . Dec. 26, 1908
 Frank Herbert Bowles . . Dec. 30, 1908
 Thomas Henry Lord . . Jan. 8, 1909
 Percy E. Naylor . . . Feb. 9, 1909
 George S. Minot . . . Feb. 24, 1909
 Herbert E. Boyden . . . Mar. 1, 1909
 John L. Beauchain . . . May 25, 1909
 George Henry Mansfield . . June 9, 1909
 Edwin P. Longley . . . Aug. 2, 1909
 Charles Henry Field . . . Aug. 16, 1909
 Charles S. Cutter . . . Aug. 20, 1909
 James W. Locke . . . Sept. 5, 1909

Leander M. Hannum . . . Sept. 17, 1909
 Edward W. S. Jones . . . Sept. 19, 1909
 Albert T. Whiting . . . Sept. 17, 1909

Newburyport, No. 3

Renton M. Perley . . . May 20, 1909
 William H. Safford . . . Feb. 11, 1909

Washington, No. 4

David M. Coggeshall . . . Sept. 22, 1908
 Thomas C. Sherman . . . Nov. 30, 1908
 Thomas Burlingham . . . Jan. 2, 1909
 John E. Clarke . . . Jan. 7, 1909
 James Moorcroft . . . Mar. 2, 1909
 Melville Bull . . . July 5, 1909

Worcester County, No. 5

Edward M. Chamberlin . . Oct. 21, 1908
 John S. Witherby . . . Nov. 21, 1908
 Taylor Ross . . . Dec. 4, 1908
 James Kindred . . . Dec. 7, 1908
 Addison J. Williams . . . Jan. 4, 1909
 John C. Cutter, M.D. . . Feb. 2, 1909
 Rev. Benj. F. Kingsley . . Feb. 26, 1909
 Augustus S. Winter . . . June 18, 1909
 Cyrus Stickney . . . Mar. 26, 1909
 Daniel W. Darling . . . June 20, 1909
 Charles A. Hunt . . . July 6, 1909
 Henry S. Knight, M.D. . . Aug. 22, 1909
 Cyrus F. Baker . . . Sept. 1, 1909
 John H. McMullin . . . Sept. 11, 1909

Springfield, No. 6

Homer G. Gilmore . . . Oct. 14, 1908
 Erril Lerche . . . Oct. 25, 1908
 Albert H. Kirkham . . . Dec. 12, 1908
 Harry L. N.

McGregor-Norman . . Dec. 12, 1908
 William Hamilton . . . Dec. 20, 1908
 Alfred Birnie . . . Jan. 26, 1909
 Samuel B. Spooner . . . Mar. 29, 1909
 George W. Gibson . . . April 5, 1909
 Benjamin F. Nichols . . . April 23, 1909
 Mace Moulton . . . April 27, 1909
 Dennie L. Farr . . . May 17, 1909
 Robert B. Crane . . . June 21, 1909
 August Mitschke . . . June 22, 1909
 Edwin R. Pierce . . . June 25, 1909
 Jay M. Barnes . . . July 15, 1909
 Arthur B. West . . . Aug. 18, 1909
 Edward T. Houghton . . Sept. 23, 1909
 Noyes Marden . . . Sept. 24, 1909

De Molay, No. 7

George M. Hosmer . . . July 15, 1908
 Perley H. Clark . . . July 11, 1908
 Robert H. Burman . . . July 20, 1908
 Eldridge P. Jones . . . July 22, 1908
 J. Foster Clark . . . Aug. 30, 1908
 James C. Stott . . . Oct. 2, 1908
 William Lumb . . . Oct. 9, 1908
 Henry W. Hubbard . . . Oct. 21, 1908
 W. Henry Moore . . . Nov. 26, 1908
 Thomas W. Evans . . . Dec. 24, 1908
 Charles W. Bradstreet . . Dec. 28, 1908
 Herman R. Hamlin . . . Feb. 10, 1909
 Simon A. Butler . . . Feb. 22, 1909
 Joseph W. Wood . . . Mar. 7, 1909
 Henry Anderson . . . May 10, 1909
 Frederick J. Davis . . . May 21, 1909
 James M. Cheeney . . . June 12, 1909
 Thomas N. Meade . . . June 25, 1909

Holy Sepulchre, No. 8

Henry W. Gardner . . . Jan. 18, 1909
 Jesse Oldham . . . April 8, 1909

Pilgrim, No. 9

Thomas G. Gerrish . . . Jan. 1, 1909
 Frank K. Brown . . . Feb. 5, 1909
 Charles F. Hatch . . . Mar. 15, 1909
 Henry Miller . . . April 8, 1909
 Prescott C. Gates . . . May 13, 1909
 Charles A. Cross . . . May 29, 1909
 David H. Wilson . . . July 14, 1909
 Charles E. Carter . . . Aug. 13, 1909
 Miles G. Gardner . . . Aug. 31, 1909

Palestine, No. 10

Francis Low . . . Oct. 10, 1908
 Joseph Davis . . . Nov. 28, 1908
 Simeon Butterfield . . . Jan. 1, 1909
 Carlos E. Ball . . . Jan. 9, 1909
 William H. Derby . . . Mar. 31, 1909
 Robert Jackson . . . June 12, 1909
 James H. Folkins . . . Sept. 22, 1909

Milford, No. 11

Liberty Freeman . . . Oct. 13, 1908
 John B. Moore . . . Dec. 1, 1908
 Fred A. Wood . . . Dec. 1, 1908
 Elijah B. Stowe . . . Feb. 27, 1909
 William F. Draper, Jr. . . Mar. 19, 1909
 Oliver H. Ingalls . . . May 6, 1909
 Charles F. Quiggle . . . June 23, 1909

St. Bernard, No. 12

John Kent . . . Oct. 28, 1908
 George J. Tufts . . . Dec. 13, 1908
 George H. Kimball . . . Dec. 14, 1908
 P. Adams Ames . . . Feb. 17, 1909
 Eugene Tompkins . . . Feb. 22, 1909

St. Bernard, No. 12—Continued

James A. Davis . . . Mar. 15, 1909
Charles B. Tower . . . May 14, 1909
Louis P. Hollander . . . May 26, 1909

Calvary, No. 13

Peleg A. Sherman . . . Sept. 17, 1908
James G. Whitehouse . . . Oct. 11, 1908
George M. Bliss . . . Nov. 6, 1908
John B. Middleton . . . Nov. 17, 1908
William M. Gifford . . . Nov. 23, 1908
Benj. N. Brown . . . Dec. 26, 1908
Arthur Follis . . . May 19, 1909
Walter B. Harrington . . . July 20, 1909
William H. Smith . . . Sept. 20, 1909

Haverhill, No. 14

Adelbert L. Dorr . . . Mar. 9, 1909
Alden P. Jaques . . . April 15, 1909
Edward S. Kimball . . . April 20, 1909
Benjamin P. Hale . . . April 30, 1909
William S. Merryman . . . Aug. 9, 1909
Albert C. Barrows . . . Sept. 12, 1909

Old Colony, No. 15

George Augustus Beal . . . Mar. 17, 1909
Albert Davis . . . July 13, 1909
A. Emerson Stetson . . . Aug. 4, 1909
John Franklin Simmons . . . 1909

Sutton, No. 16

Albion T. Brownell . . . Mar. 15, 1909
H. Wilder Emerson . . . Mar. 26, 1909
Daniel P. Barsley . . . April 12, 1909
David S. Small . . . April 25, 1909
George Jackson . . . May 4, 1909
John E. White . . . May 8, 1909
Thacher B. Lucas . . . May 12, 1909
William H. Heap . . . May 26, 1909
Christopher P. Brooks . . . Aug. 2, 1909

Bethany, No. 17

William C. Sleeper . . . Oct. 19, 1908
A. A. Hawley . . . Oct. 10, 1908
J. H. Treat . . . Nov. 8, 1908
C. W. Flint . . . Nov. 4, 1908
W. H. Evans . . . Nov. 11, 1909
Thomas P. Wills . . . Mar. 4, 1909
Irwin P. Dillon . . . Mar. 7, 1909
Henry F. Hildreth . . . Mar. 21, 1909
F. W. McLanathan . . . May 6, 1909
John F. Smith . . . May 21, 1909
Henry A. Cooke . . . May 22, 1909
Warren J. Jones . . . June 8, 1909

Winslow Lewis, No. 18

Oliver Douglass Way . . . Dec. 15, 1908
Tristram T. Savory . . . Feb. 14, 1909
Andrew W. Dodd . . . April 23, 1909
Joseph A. Sibley . . . May 15, 1909
John O. Hinkley . . . Sept. 24, 1909

Jerusalem, No. 19

Matthew C. Henderson . . . Sept. 1, 1908
William H. Jewett . . . Dec. 4, 1908
William P. Smith . . . Dec. 4, 1908
Charles F. Irish . . . Dec. 7, 1908
Alford W. Colburn . . . May 13, 1909

Hugh de Payens, No. 20

Henry Richmond Brown . . . Oct. 6, 1908
John Duncan, Jr. . . . Dec. 9, 1908
William T. Grammer . . . Dec. 18, 1908
George H. Atkinson . . . Dec. 29, 1908
Charles W. Johnson . . . Mar. 4, 1909
William A. Smith . . . Mar. 8, 1909
Daniel D. Devereaux . . . May 13, 1909
Dexter Pratt . . . July 7, 1909
James N. Lombard . . . July 30, 1909

St. Omer, No. 21

Randolph K. Clark . . . Oct. 16, 1908
Thomas Whipple . . . Nov. 29, 1908
Leopold Schlegelmilch . . . Dec. 28, 1908
Joseph B. Sharland . . . Mar. 21, 1909
Daniel Fisher . . . May 27, 1909
George F. Neale . . . June 16, 1909
Henry C. Bispham . . . July 22, 1909
Charles W. Smith . . . July 28, 1909
Frank J. Clark . . . July 30, 1909

Berkshire, No. 22

James H. Francis . . . Dec. 30, 1908
George L. Lamphier . . . Mar. 19, 1909

Connecticut Valley, No. 23

Anson Withey . . . Jan. 9, 1909
Isaac Chenery . . . Jan. 20, 1909
Frank D. Lyons . . . Mar. 1, 1909
Frederick E. Kellogg . . . May 10, 1909
Frank A. Pond . . . Sept. 30, 1909

Woonsocket, No. 24

William Collins Mason . . . Oct. 14, 1908
Shelley Austin . . . Jan. 19, 1909
Livingston Scott . . . Mar. 11, 1909
James Alexander Kidd . . . Mar. 16, 1909
George Frank Bachelor . . . Mar. 30, 1909
Stanley Gardner Smith . . . May 15, 1909
Walter Samuel Thayer . . . July 29, 1909

Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25

Henry Waring . . . Sept. 26, 1908
John H. Hadfield . . . Nov. 28, 1908
Charles H. Brightman . . . April 18, 1909
John H. Franklin . . . April 19, 1909
Edmund L. Gifford . . . June 18, 1909
Fred E. Waterman . . . May 14, 1909
Levi Greenwood . . . July 19, 1909

Joseph Warren, No. 26

Charles E. Draper . . . Sept. 23, 1908
George C. Sprague . . . Dec. 31, 1908
Willis Eldredge . . . Jan. 7, 1909
James A. Kelley . . . Mar. 13, 1909
Charles H. Fowler . . . Aug. 17, 1909
Charles Morton . . . Aug. 28, 1909

William Parkman, No. 28

Charles Henri Brooks . . . Mar. 1, 1909
Frank Eugene Sullivan . . . April 6, 1909
Levi Herman Heredeem . . . July 4, 1909

Bristol, No. 29

Sanford Hamilton . . . July 28, 1909

Northampton, No. 30

Carlos Humphrey . . . Jan. 4, 1909
Jarius E. Clark . . . April 4, 1909

South Shore, No. 31

Frederick W. Tirrell . . . Sept. 21, 1908
Alden Bowditch . . . Dec. 19, 1908
John E. Mann . . . Feb. 11, 1909
A. Elliot Vining . . . Mar. 11, 1909
Arthur W. Raymond . . . Mar. 23, 1909
Charles Simmons . . . April 14, 1909

Trinity, No. 32

E. B. Hooper . . . Dec. 23, 1908
D. W. Stratton . . . Jan. 8, 1909
A. M. Page . . . Feb. 17, 1909
E. I. Sawyer . . . Mar. 12, 1909
O. W. Holt . . . Mar. 31, 1909

Natick, No. 33

Harry F. Kellogg . . . Jan. 16, 1909
William F. Shattuck . . . July 1909

Cœur de Lion, No. 34

James G. Allbe Oct. 17, 1908
Orison Little Nov. 25, 1908
Eugene H. Allen Dec. 1, 1908
George H. Drury Feb. 7, 1909
Fred Beston Mar. 2, 1909
James H. Conway July 27, 1909
Kilsey M. Gilmour Aug. 1, 1909

Gethsemane, No. 35

William L. Downing Dec. 20, 1908
Henry C. Fisher Dec. 27, 1908
George H. Shapley Feb. 13, 1909
George F. Williams Mar. 26, 1909
George D. Harvey April 1, 1909

Olivet, No. 36

Thomas Edward Ward Jan. 16, 1909
Nathan Everett Silsbee April 25, 1909
Charles Sylvester Hilton May 20, 1909
Charles Healey July 25, 1909
Samuel Swasey Shepard Aug. 21, 1909

Bay State, No. 38

Orrin G. Howard Oct. 21, 1908
D. Cary Keith Nov. 1, 1908
N. R. Packard Nov. 6, 1908
William H. Fobey Feb. 4, 1909
Augustus T. Jones Mar. 8, 1909
Fred M. Bixby April 11, 1909
James Edgar Sept. 20, 1909

Cyprus, No. 39

Samuel A. Tuttle Oct. 25, 1908
George H. Morrill April 1, 1909
Raymond P. Walker Aug. 5, 1909

St. Paul, No. 40

John Tudor Feb. 23, 1909
Thomas W. Sykes July 21, 1909
William E. Brown Aug. 3, 1909
Oliver P. Lewis April 24, 1909
Edward A. Rand Sept. 27, 1909

Beauseant, No. 41

Charles P. Stevens Dec. 23, 1908
Roscoe E. Brown Jan. 7, 1909
Frederick A. Gunnison Jan. 31, 1909
Robert Blair Feb. 15, 1909
George W. Lord Mar. 8, 1909
Edwin J. Hume June 22, 1909
Edward C. Mead Aug. 4, 1909

Cambridge, No. 42

William N. McConnell Jan. 22, 1909
Charles Harris May 6, 1909
Oliver M. Hapgood June 15, 1909
Edwin W. Ellis Aug. 3, 1909
Frank W. Scobey Sept. 5, 1909
Lothrop J. Cloyes Sept. 17, 1909

Bethlehem, No. 43

John Lloyd Aug. 5, 1909

St. George, No. 44

Walter E. Lord Dec. 14, 1908
Austin Whitcomb Jan. 18, 1909
John T. Goldsmith April 1, 1909

Ivanhoe, No. 46

George E. Walker April 8, 1909
Walter B. Hodges July 2, 1909
William Bixby July 26, 1909

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

Date	Grand Commander	Dep. Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Prelate
1805	*Thomas Smith, Webb.		*Henry Fowle.	*Jonathan Gage.	
1806	"		"	"	
1807	"		"	"	
1808	"		"	"	
1809	"		"	"	
1810	"		"	"	
1811	"		"	"	
1812	"		"	"	
1813	"		"	"	
1814	"		"	"	
1815	"		"	"	
1816	"		"	"	
1817	"		"	"	
1818	*William Wilkinson.	*Henry Fowle.	*John Carlile.	*John Carlile.	*Thaddeus M. Harris
1819	*Henry Fowle.	*John Carlile.	*Peter Grinnell.	*Peter Grinnell.	*Richard Carrique
1820	"	"	"	*Henry Puckitt.	*Paul Dean
1821	"	"	"	"	"
1822	"	"	"	"	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	"	"	"	"	"
1825	*John Carlile.	*Peter Grinnell.	*John James Loring.	*John James Loring.	*John L. Blake
1826	"	"	"	"	"
1827	"	"	"	"	"
1828	*John James Loring.	*Josiah Whitaker.	*Robert Lash.	*Josiah Whitaker.	"
1829	"	"	"	"	"
1830	"	"	"	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	*Robert Lash.	*Robert Lash.	*Jacob Amee.	*Thomas Power.	*Ezekiel L. Bascom
1833	*Edward A. Raymond.	*Thomas Power.	*Edward A. Raymond.	*Abraham A. Dame.	"
1834	"	*Abraham A. Dame.	*John Hews.	*Joseph Young, Jr.	"
1835	*Abraham A. Dame.	"	"	*Gilbert Nurse.	*Paul Dean
1836	"	"	"	*Charles W. Moore.	"
1837	*John Hews.	*Charles W. Moore.	*John Flint.	*John Flint.	"
1838	"	"	"	"	"
1839	*Charles W. Moore.	*John Flint.	"	"	"
1840	"	"	"	*William Field.	*Luther Hamilton

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—Continued

Date	GRAND COMMANDER	DEP. GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALESIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL	GRAND PRELATE
1841	*Charles W. Moore.....	*John Flint.....	*John B. Hammatt.....	*William Field.....	*Paul Dean
1842	*John Flint.....	*John B. Hammatt.....	*Ruel Baker.....	*Barney Merry.....	" "
1843	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1844	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1845	*John B. Hammatt.....	*Ruel Baker.....	*James Saulsbury.....	*James Saulsbury.....	*Albert Case
1846	*Ruel Baker.....	*John R. Bradford.....	*John R. Bradford.....	*James Hutchinson.....	" "
1847	*John R. Bradford.....	*James Hutchinson.....	*Simon W. Robinson.....	*Simon W. Robinson.....	*Addison Searle
1848	" "	" "	" "	*Winslow Lewis.....	*H. A. Wilcox
1849	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1850	*James Hutchinson.....	*Simon W. Robinson.....	*Daniel Harwood.....	*Moses Richardson.....	*Thomas R. Lambert
1851	" "	" "	" "	*Asa Woodbury.....	" "
1852	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1853	*Simon W. Robinson.....	*Daniel Harwood.....	*John McClellan.....	*Cyrus Fisher.....	" "
1854	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1855	*Daniel Harwood.....	*John McClellan.....	*Cyrus Fisher.....	*James W. Crooks.....	William R. Alger
1856	" "	" "	*Samuel Lewis.....	*John B. Read.....	" "
1857	*Winslow Lewis.....	*William Field.....	*Charles Robbins.....	*George F. Wilson.....	" "
1858	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1859	*William Field.....	*William Ellison.....	*Edwin C. Bailey.....	*William S. Gardner.....	*Thomas R. Lambert
1860	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Charles H. Titus
1861	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Thomas A. Doyle
1862	*William Ellison.....	*Edwin C. Bailey.....	*William S. Gardner.....	*Rev. Charles H. Titus.....	*William S. Studley
1863	*William S. Gardner.....	*Rev. Charles H. Titus.....	*William W. Baker.....	*Thomas A. Doyle.....	" "
1864	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1865	*Rev. Charles H. Titus.....	*William W. Baker.....	*Thomas A. Doyle.....	*Benjamin Dean.....	" "
1866	" "	" "	*Henry Butler.....	" "	*John W. Dadmun
1867	*William W. Baker.....	*Benjamin Dean.....	*William B. Blanding.....	*William S. Shurtleff.....	" "
1868	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1869	*Benjamin Dean.....	*William S. Shurtleff.....	*Nicholas Van Slyck.....	Charles A. Stott.....	" "
1870	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1871	*Nicholas Van Slyck.....	Charles A. Stott.....	*Horace Daniels.....	*Henry Chickering.....	*George S. Noyes
1872	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1873	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1874	Charles A. Stott.....	Rev. Henry W. Rugg.....	*Wyzeman Marshall.....	*John Dean.....	" "
1875	" "	Samuel C. Lawrence.....	*John Dean.....	Nelson W. Aldrich.....	*Thomas E. St. John
1876	Rev. Henry W. Rugg.....	*John Dean.....	*Nelson W. Aldrich.....	George E. Stacey.....	" "

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—Continued

Date	GRAND COMMANDER	DEP. GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALESIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL	GRAND PRELATE
1877	*John Dean.....	Nelson W. Aldrich.....	*William H. Kent.....	Caleb Saunders.....	*Thomas E. St. John
1878	Nelson W. Aldrich.....	*William H. Kent.....	Caleb Saunders.....	*George H. Burnham.....	" "
1879	*William H. Kent.....	Caleb Saunders.....	George H. Burnham.....	Charles C. Hutchinson.....	Henry W. Rugg
1880	" "	" "	" "	" "	*John W. Dadmun
1881	Caleb Saunders.....	Charles C. Hutchinson.....	*George W. Fay.....	Edward P. Chapin.....	" "
1882	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1883	Charles C. Hutchinson.....	*George H. Burnham.....	Edward P. Chapin.....	George H. Allen.....	" "
1884	*George H. Burnham.....	Edward P. Chapin.....	George H. Allen.....	*Edward L. Freeman.....	" "
1885	Edward P. Chapin.....	George H. Allen.....	*James Swords.....	John P. Sanborn.....	" "
1886	George H. Allen.....	*James Swords.....	Robert H. Chamberlain.....	William H. H. Soule.....	" "
1887	*James Swords.....	John P. Sanborn.....	William H. H. Soule.....	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	Lemuel B. Hatch
1888	John P. Sanborn.....	Robert H. Chamberlain.....	Nathan S. Kimball.....	*Charles C. Fry.....	*P. Voorhees Finch
1889	Robert H. Chamberlain.....	William H. H. Soule.....	*Charles C. Fry.....	*Eugene H. Richards.....	" "
1890	William H. H. Soule.....	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	*Eugene H. Richards.....	*William R. Walker.....	*Thomas E. St. John
1891	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	*Samuel C. Lawrence.....	*William R. Walker.....	*Walter Cutting.....	" "
1892	Charles C. Fry.....	*Eugene H. Richards.....	*Walter Cutting.....	George L. Shepley.....	" "
1893	*Eugene H. Richards.....	*William R. Walker.....	*Walter Cutting.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	" "
1894	Samuel C. Lawrence.....	*Walter Cutting.....	George L. Shepley.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	Charles T. Morgan
1895	*William R. Walker.....	George L. Shepley.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	George H. Kenyon.....	" "
1896	*Walter Cutting.....	Herbert F. Morse.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	" "
1897	George L. Shepley.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	George H. Kenyon.....	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	" "
1898	Herbert F. Morse.....	George H. Kenyon.....	Dana J. Flanders.....	E. Bentley Young.....	" "
1899	Winthrop Messenger.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	John D. Munroe.....	George L. Perin
1900	George H. Kenyon.....	Dana J. Flanders.....	E. Bentley Young.....	John D. Munroe.....	" "
1901	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	John D. Munroe.....	Walter W. Burnham.....	" "
1902	Dana J. Flanders.....	Charles I. Litchfield.....	Walter W. Burnham.....	Lafayette G. Blair.....	" "
1903	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	John D. Munroe.....	J. Albert Blake.....	" "	" "
1904	E. Bentley Young.....	John D. Munroe.....	" "	" "	" "
1905	John D. Munroe.....	Walter W. Burnham.....	" "	" "	" "
1906	Charles I. Litchfield.....	J. Albert Blake.....	" "	" "	" "
1907	John D. Munroe.....	" "	" "	" "	" "
1908	Walter W. Burnham.....	" "	" "	" "	" "
1909	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

Date	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND STANDARD BEARER
1805	*John Cartile.....	*Nathan Fisher.....	*Jeremiah F. Jenkins..	*William F. Megee.....	*William Wilkinson
1806	*Ezra Ames.....	*Samuel Billings.....	" "	*Otis Amidon.....	*Stephen Howard
1807	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.
1808	" "	*Andrew Sigourney....	*William Wilkinson....	" "	" "
1809	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1810	" "	" "	" "	*John M. Eddy.....	" "
1811	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1812	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1813	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1814	*William Wilkinson....	*Thomas Jackson.....	*Peter Grinnell.....	" "	" "
1815	" "	*John A. Shaw.....	" "	" "	" "
1816	" "	*Ezra Ames.....	" "	" "	" "
1817	*Philip Peck.....	*Benjamin Smith.....	" "	*Alexander Bowers....	" "
1818	" "	*Benjamin Smith.....	*Moses Richardson....	*Robert Lash.....	" "
1819	*Benjamin Smith.....	*Josiah Whitaker.....	" "	*John R. Cotting.....	" "
1820	*Robert Lash.....	" "	" "	" "	*Charles C. Nichols
1821	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1822	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Isaac Stell
1823	*Josiah Whitaker.....	" "	" "	" "	" "
1824	" "	*Samuel Howe.....	" "	" "	" "
1825	*Robert Lash.....	" "	" "	" "	" "
1826	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Edward A. Raymond
1827	" "	*Richard S. Spofford..	" "	*Samuel Howe.....	" "
1828	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Daniel Tenney
1829	*Edward A. Raymond..	*Thomas Power.....	" "	" "	" "
1830	*Thomas Power.....	*Edward A. Raymond..	" "	" "	*Joseph Young
1831	*Edward A. Raymond..	*Abraham A. Dame....	" "	" "	*Gilbert Nurse
1832	*John Hews.....	*Joseph Young, Jr....	" "	" "	*John Flint
1833	*Gilbert Nurse.....	*Charles W. Moore.....	" "	" "	*Ruel Baker
1834	*Charles W. Moore.....	*John Flint.....	*Samuel Wales.....	" "	*John R. Bradford
1835	*John Flint.....	*John B. Hammatt.....	" "	" "	" "
1836	*John B. Hammatt.....	*Ruel Baker.....	" "	" "	*William Bittle
1837	*Ruel Baker.....	*John R. Bradford.....	" "	" "	*Hugh H. Tuttle
1838	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1839	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1840	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—Continued

Date	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND STANDARD BEARER
1841	*Ruel Baker.....	*John R. Bradford.....	*Samuel Wales.....	*John Hews.....	*Benjamin H. West
1842	*John R. Bradford.....	*Simon W. Robinson....	" "	*Gilbert Nurse.....	*George L. Oakes
1843	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1844	" "	" "	*William Eaton.....	" "	*James Easterbrook
1845	*Simon W. Robinson....	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....	" "	" "	*Samuel Pearce
1846	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....	*James Easterbrook....	" "	" "	*Albert H. Kelsey
1847	" "	*Samuel Pearce.....	" "	" "	*Asa Walker
1848	" "	" "	" "	*Calvin Whiting.....	" "
1849	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1850	*Samuel Pearce.....	*John McClellan.....	" "	" "	*James W. Crooks
1851	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1852	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1853	*James W. Crooks.....	*John B. Read.....	" "	" "	*Asa Walker
1854	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1855	*John B. Read.....	*J. A. D. Joslin.....	*William Parkman....	" "	*Charles B. Farnsworth
1856	" "	*William A. Smith.....	" "	*Stephen Lovell.....	*Henry Goddard
1857	*I. A. D. Joslin.....	*William S. Gardner....	" "	*William H. L. Smith...	*Richard S. Spofford
1858	*William A. Smith.....	" "	" "	*Solon Thornton.....	*George W. Bentley
1859	*Wyzeman Marshall....	*Charles A. Davis.....	" "	" "	*Gardner T. Swarts
1860	" "	" "	" "	" "	*William B. Blanding
1861	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Gardner T. Swarts
1862	*Benjamin Dean.....	*George W. Bentley....	" "	" "	*William Sutton
1863	" "	*George A. French.....	" "	" "	" "
1864	*William B. Blanding..	*William S. Shurtleff..	" "	" "	" "
1865	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1866	Charles A. Stott.....	*Nicholas Van Slyck..	" "	" "	" "
1867	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1868	*Henry W. Warren.....	*Horace Daniels.....	" "	" "	" "
1869	*Charles E. Powers....	" "	" "	" "	" "
1870	*Tracy P. Cheever....	*John Dean.....	" "	*Alfred F. Chapman...	" "
1871	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1872	Nelson W. Aldrich....	George E. Stacy.....	" "	" "	*John Aldred
1873	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Daniel E. Chase
1874	George E. Stacy.....	*Peter S. Bailey.....	" "	" "	" "
1875	*Peter S. Bailey.....	*William H. Kent.....	" "	" "	*William D. Pool
1876	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "

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Date	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND STANDARD BEARER
1877	*Samuel Mason, Jr.....	*George H. Burnham.....	*William Parkman.....	*Alfred F. Chapman.....	Marvin S. Fellows
1878	Charles C. Hutchinson.....	*Edward L. Freeman.....	*James H. Upham.....	"	*James M. Pendleton
1879	*Edward L. Freeman.....	Edward P. Chapin.....	"	"	*Charles H. McClellan
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	*Charles H. McClellan.....	Albert F. Dow.....	"	"	*John Haigh
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	"	"	"	"	"
1884	*Edward L. Freeman.....	*James Swords.....	"	"	Clinton D. Sellev
1885	*James Swords.....	John P. Sanborn.....	"	"	*Eben D. Bancroft
1886	John P. Sanborn.....	Robert H. Chamberlain.....	"	"	William H. H. Soule
1887	Robert H. Chamberlain.....	William H. H. Soule.....	"	"	*Walter Cutting
1888	William H. H. Soule.....	*Horace E. Boynton.....	"	"	*Nathan S. Kimball
1889	*Horace E. Boynton.....	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	"	"	*Charles C. Fry
1890	*Charles C. Fry.....	*Eugene H. Richards.....	"	"	*William R. Walker
1891	*Eugene H. Richards.....	*William R. Walker.....	"	Benjamin W. Rowell.....	Charles E. Pierce
1892	*Walter Cutting.....	*Walter Cutting.....	"	"	George L. Shepley
1893	George L. Shepley.....	Herbert F. Morse.....	"	"	Herbert F. Morse
1894	Herbert F. Morse.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	"	"	George E. Hilton
1895	Winthrop Messenger.....	George E. Hilton.....	"	"	Freeman C. Hersey
1896	George E. Hersey.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	"	"	Henry S. Rowe
1897	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Dana J. Flanders.....	"	"	Hunter C. White
1898	Dana J. Flanders.....	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	"	"	Edwin A. Blodgett
1899	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	E. Bentley Young.....	"	"	E. Bentley Young
1900	E. Bentley Young.....	Charles I. Litchfield.....	"	"	Charles I. Litchfield
1901	Charles I. Litchfield.....	John D. Munroe.....	"	"	John D. Munroe
1902	John D. Munroe.....	Walter W. Burnham.....	"	"	Walter W. Burnham
1903	Walter W. Burnham.....	J. Albert Blake.....	Herbert F. Morse.....	"	J. Albert Blake
1904	J. Albert Blake.....	Lafayette G. Blair.....	"	"	Lafayette G. Blair
1905	Lafayette G. Blair.....	Frank L. Nagle.....	"	"	Frank L. Nagle
1906	Frank L. Nagle.....	William W. Johnson.....	"	"	Joseph G. Eagerly
1907	William W. Johnson.....	Walter F. Medding.....	"	"	Walter F. Medding
1908	"	"	"	"	Frederick I. Dana
1909	"	"	"	"	"

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

Date	GRAND SWORD BEARER	GRAND WARDER	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	GRAND SENTINEL	PLACE WHERE THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE WAS HELD
1805	*John Davis.....	*Henry Purkitt.....	*Nicholas Hoppin.....	"	Providence, R.I.
1806	*Stephen Foster.....	"	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1807	"	"	"	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Providence, R.I.
1809	"	"	"	"	Newburyport, Mass.
1810	"	"	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1811	"	"	"	"	Providence, R.I.
1812	"	"	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1813	"	"	"	"	"
1814	"	"	"	"	"
1815	"	"	"	"	"
1816	*John J. Loring.....	*Samuel Jackson.....	*William P. R. Benson.....	"	Providence, R.I.
1817	"	*John A. Shaw.....	*Edward Oliver.....	"	Boston, Mass.
1818	"	*H. Y. Cranston.....	"	"	Providence, R.I.
1819	"	"	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1820	*Samuel Howe.....	*John J. Loring.....	*Ebenezer Oliver.....	"	"
1821	"	"	"	"	"
1822	"	"	"	"	"
1823	*Hector Coffin.....	*Jacob Amee.....	"	"	Providence, R.I.
1824	*Eleanor Weyer.....	"	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1825	*Thomas Poyer.....	"	"	"	Providence, R.I.
1826	"	"	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1827	"	"	"	"	"
1828	"	"	"	"	"
1829	*Joseph Young.....	*Abraham A. Dame.....	"	"	Providence, R.I.
1830	"	"	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1831	*John Hews.....	*Daniel Tenney.....	"	"	Providence, R.I.
1832	*Charles W. Moore.....	"	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1833	*Ruel Baker.....	"	"	"	Providence, R.I.
1834	*John R. Bradford.....	*John B. Hammett.....	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1835	*Winslow Lewis, Jr.....	*Ruel Baker.....	"	"	Providence, R.I.
1836	*Simon W. Robinson.....	*Winslow Lewis, Jr.....	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1837	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....	*Simon W. Robinson.....	"	"	Providence, R.I.
1838	*Winslow Lewis, Jr.....	"	"	"	Boston, Mass.
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	*Benjamin H. West.....	"	"	"	Providence, R.I.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—Continued

Date	GRAND SWORD BEARER	GRAND WARDER	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	GRAND SENTINEL	PLACE WHERE THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE WAS HELD
1841	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....	*Simon W. Robinson.....	.....	.....	Boston, Mass.
1842	*Benjamin H. West.....	Hugh H. Tuttle.....	.....	.....	"
1843	.....	*William Eaton.....	.....	.....	"
1844	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....	*William C. Barker.....	.....	.....	"
1845	*James Easterbrook.....	*Alexander H. Putney.....	.....	.....	"
1846	*Samuel Pearce.....	*Asa Woodbury.....	.....	.....	"
1847	*Albert H. Kelsey.....	"	.....	.....	"
1848	"	"	.....	.....	"
1849	"	"	.....	.....	"
1850	*Asa Walker.....	*Cyrus Fisher.....	.....	.....	"
1851	"	"	.....	.....	"
1852	"	"	.....	.....	"
1853	*John A. D. Joslin.....	*Nathan H. Gould.....	.....	.....	Providence, R.I.
1854	"	"	.....	.....	Boston, Mass.
1855	*Asa Walker.....	"	.....	.....	Boston, Mass.
1856	*Charles B. Farnsworth.....	*Benjamin Dean.....	.....	.....	Providence, R.I.
1857	Benjamin Dean.....	*William B. Blanding.....	.....	.....	Boston, Mass.
1858	.....	"	.....	.....	"
1859	*Gardner T. Swarts.....	"	.....	.....	"
1860	*Mark Symonds.....	*William S. Shurtleff.....	.....	*Eben F. Gay.....	Providence, R.I.
1861	*Gardner T. Swarts.....	*E. I. Ticonderoga.....	*William F. Salmon.....	"	Boston, Mass.
1862	.....	*William F. Salmon.....	*John Shepley.....	"	Providence, R.I.
1863	*Seth P. Miller.....	"	.....	"	Boston, Mass.
1864	*Tracy P. Cheever.....	*Horace Daniels.....	Henry P. Perkins.....	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	"	*Henry W. Warren.....	"	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	"
1868	*Edward H. Brainard.....	Henry P. Perkins.....	"	"	"
1869	*Henry Chickering.....	*Stafford W. Raze.....	*Levi L. Webster.....	"	Providence, R.I.
1870	*Stafford W. Raze.....	*George W. Ray.....	*James M. Pendleton.....	"	Boston, Mass.
1871	"	"	George E. Stacy.....	"	"
1872	*Hocum E. Hosford.....	*William H. Kent.....	*George H. Burnham.....	*Frederick A. Pierce.....	Providence, R.I.
1873	"	"	"	*Eben F. Gay.....	Boston, Mass.
1874	*George H. Burnham.....	"	Caleb Saunders.....	"	Providence, R.I.
1875	"	"	*George Moulton.....	*Benjamin F. Nourse.....	Boston, Mass.
1876	.....	Caleb Saunders.....	"	"	"

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—Concluded

Date	GRAND SWORD BEARER	GRAND WARDER	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	GRAND SENTINEL	PLACE WHERE THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE WAS HELD
1877	*William D. Pool.....	*James M. Pendleton.....	Gardner T. Sanford.....	*Benjamin F. Nourse.....	Boston, Mass.
1878	Charles B. Lancaster.....	*John Kent.....	Francello G. Jillson.....	"	"
1879	Walter B. Vincent.....	"	*Joseph B. Mason.....	"	"
1880	Arthur G. Pollard.....	"	Henry Field, Jr.....	"	"
1881	*Dexter B. Vickary.....	*John L. Stevenson.....	"	"	"
1882	"	"	Realis Sanford.....	"	"
1883	*Henry W. Hartwell.....	*John P. Sanborn.....	William H. H. Soule.....	"	"
1884	*D. Frank Robinson.....	*Samuel O. Daniels.....	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	"	"
1885	*Walter Cutting.....	Charles C. Spelman.....	Thomas Kellough.....	*Eugene Stevens.....	"
1886	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	*Charles C. Fry.....	Eugene H. Richards.....	"	"
1887	*Charles C. Fry.....	Alvord O. Miles.....	Frank T. Dwinell.....	"	"
1888	*Eugene H. Richards.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	*Frederick J. Foss.....	"	"
1889	Charles E. Pierce.....	*Alvord O. Miles.....	Green Davis.....	"	"
1890	*Walter Cutting.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	Henry G. Jordan.....	Henry D. Wilder.....	"
1891	Herbert F. Morse.....	George E. Hilton.....	*Albion F. Welch.....	"	"
1892	Winthrop Messenger.....	Henry G. Jordan.....	Dana J. Flanders.....	J. Frank Child.....	"
1893	George E. Hilton.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Henry S. Rowe.....	John D. Munroe.....	"
1894	Henry G. Jordan.....	W. Howard Walker.....	Henry K. Duntun.....	William E. Wilcox.....	"
1895	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Dana J. Flanders.....	E. Bentley Young.....	"	"
1896	Dana J. Flanders.....	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	John D. Munroe.....	"	"
1897	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	John D. Munroe.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	"	"
1898	E. Bentley Young.....	John D. Munroe.....	Charles A. Peabody.....	"	"
1899	Charles I. Litchfield.....	*J. Herbert Bowen.....	J. Albert Blake.....	"	"
1900	John D. Munroe.....	Thomas L. Phillips.....	Frank L. Nagle.....	"	"
1901	Walter W. Burnham.....	W. Howard Walker.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	"	"
1902	J. Albert Blake.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	Joseph G. Edgerly.....	"	"
1903	Lafayette G. Blair.....	Samuel D. Sherwood.....	William W. Johnson.....	"	"
1904	Frank L. Nagle.....	Henry H. Litchfield.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	"	"
1905	Samuel D. Sherwood.....	Robert L. Spencer.....	Judson C. McKenzie.....	"	"
1906	Robert L. Spencer.....	Frederick I. Dana.....	Isaac Chase.....	"	"
1907	Frederick I. Dana.....	Samuel D. Sherwood.....	"	"	"
1908	Samuel D. Sherwood.....	"	"	"	"
1909	"	"	"	"	"

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts
and Rhode Island:*

I have the honor of submitting my second report, covering the Jurisdictions as recorded below:

Alabama	1909	Montana	1908
Arizona	1908	Nebraska	1909
Arkansas	1909	New Hampshire	1908
California	1908	New Jersey	1909
Canada	1908	New York	1908, 1909
Connecticut	1909	North Carolina	1909
District of Columbia ..	1909	North Dakota	1909
England and Wales ..	1908	Ohio	1908
Florida	1909	Oklahoma	1909
Georgia	1909	Oregon	1908
Illinois	1908	Pennsylvania	1909
Indiana	1909	South Carolina ..	1907, 1908
Iowa	1909	South Dakota	1908
Kansas	1909	Tennessee	1909
Kentucky	1909	Texas	1909
Louisiana	1909	Vermont	1909
New Mexico	1908	Virginia	1908
Maryland	1908	Washington	1909
Michigian	1909	West Virginia	1909
Minnesota	1909	Wisconsin	1908
Mississippi	1909	Wyoming	1909
Missouri	1909		

Colorado, Idaho, Indian Territory, and Maine missing, not having been received at time of going to press.

ALABAMA, 1909

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave was opened in the Asylum of Andalusia Commandery, in the city of Andalusia, on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present with the exception of the Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Senior Warden. There were also present twenty Past Grand Commanders, the Representatives of twenty-six constituent Commanderies, and the Representatives of sixteen sister Grand Jurisdictions, but among those named we fail to find the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Grand Commander's Address was an able and concise transcript of the affairs of his office during the year. He made no Decisions during the year, which speaks well for that Grand Jurisdiction. He had several requests to ballot on petitions at special Conclaves, and, in reply to same, he stated, that the Grand Commander had no authority or power to grant a Dispensation for any purpose except such as shall be requested of him by a resolution offered and carried by a majority of the members present in open Commandery; neither can he grant a Dispensation to ballot on petitions out of time, except those that have been received at a regular stated Conclave, and such petitions must be balloted on at a stated Conclave, or a special Conclave called for that purpose, of which due notice must be sent to all. It is therefore not in the power of the Grand Commander to grant Dispensation to either receive or ballot upon petitions at a special Conclave except as set out above. The writer has often before expressed his opinion that this kind of procedure is not for the best interests of the Commandery, as in his opinion the Order should not be made subservient to the whim or convenience of the petitioner, but rather that all petitions should take the usual course, conforming strictly to the law laid down regarding the same. The Grand Commander also recommended that Commanderies hold two regular Conclaves each month instead of one, saying that it would add much to the interest taken in the work by the

members and prove very beneficial. He also recommends that all Commanderies that have not done so should make a contract for all uniforms required by their members, and where it is advisable the cost of the uniform should be added to the fee to be paid at the time of presenting petitions, all of which your Correspondent heartily agrees with, as, in his opinion, no Companion should be Knighted except where he is in possession of the required uniform called for by the regulations of the Jurisdiction in which he resides.

The Knightly dead of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions are duly recorded.

From the Report of the Grand Recorder we find the present membership is 1,085, a gain for the year of 62.

From the Inspector General's Report of the Jurisdiction we excerpt the following:

"I am very pleased to report a marked improvement in conditions of affairs in every Commandery throughout the State, that it was my pleasure to visit, either in person, or proxy. There is more interest being taken, better attendance and appearance in uniforms and equipment. I feel this is due to the action of the Grand Commandery along progressive lines, at its last Annual Conclave. I believe the adoption of the Alabama Regulation Uniform and Tactics will continue to work wonders."

The Report on Correspondence, which occupies 105 pages of the Proceedings, is from the pen of Em. Sir John H. Phillips, in which he reviews forty-four of the sister Grand Jurisdictions, including Canada, England and Wales, and contains much that is very interesting. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously reviewed and your Correspondent is kindly remembered, for which please accept our grateful acknowledgments.

Sir Charles R. Patterson, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir George A. Beauchamp, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir John H. Phillips, Committee on Correspondence.

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave will be held in the city of Anniston, Wednesday, May 11, 1910.

ARIZONA, 1908

The Sixteenth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Prescott, on the 18th day of November, 1908, all the Grand Officers being present with the exception of the Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Standard Bearer and Grand Sword Bearer. The constitutional number being reported present, Grand Commandery was opened in ample form.

The Grand Commander's Address follows the Report of the Committee on Credentials, and is a painstaking and comprehensive document. We excerpt from its conclusion:

"In severing my official position, I bespeak for my successor the same uniform courtesy you have shown me. You will know that 'Truth is mighty and it will prevail.' You will forever keep up the warfare against the enemies of helpless widows, defenceless orphans, and the Christian religion, and

'Far up yon steps of light
On toward the sun!
Climb the fierce path of Truth,
All shall be won;
Yea, though thy heart of care
Faint on that fiery stair!'"

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the present membership is 389, a gain for the year of 18.

From the Grand Treasurer's Report we find balance of cash on hand of \$1,928.69.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of R. E. Sir N. A. Morford, who reviews the Proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is given three pages of the Report. Commenting upon the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to the proposition to permit Commanderies to turn out in uniform in Boston, to celebrate with the public "Old Home Week," which the Committee declined to approve, Frater Morford says:

"'Custom of this Grand Jurisdiction' and 'precedent established many years ago by this Grand Commandery' be hanged! Isn't it general law and has it not been general law for genera-

tions, established by the Grand Encampment? That Committee might at least allow their minds to travel outside their great Jurisdiction if they never get out bodily, and wake up to the fact that there is a narrow ledge of country just outside of Massachusetts and Rhode Island that has had some influence on our laws through loyalty to Masonic dignity and Masonic principles! The 'custom' and 'precedent' of their Jurisdiction has nothing to do with the case, so far as the determination of its legitimacy goes."

Referring to the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence regarding Dispensations to attend divine service, we excerpt the following, quoting from our report:

"The Statutes of Grand Encampment do not require Dispensation for such purpose, but this Grand Commandery desires to be informed when its constituents intend to appear in public."

On which he comments as follows:

"That makes us feel better. We have been pained and annoyed at the apparent want of a very common knowledge of our statutes among our Massachusetts and Rhode Island Fraters, and for some time have been wondering what it all meant."

R. E. Sir Albert D. Barnhart, Grand Commander.

E. Sir George J. Roskrige, Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir N. A. Morford, Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Tucson, Wednesday, February 9, 1910.

ARKANSAS, 1909

The Thirty-seventh Annual Conclave, held in the Asylum of Bethany Commandery, No. 16, in the city of Bentonville, May 18, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present with the exception of the Senior Grand Warden. There were also present five Past Grand Commanders, one Past Deputy Grand Commander,

the Representatives in person or by proxy of the eighteen Commanderies in the Jurisdiction and seventeen Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find our own well beloved Representative, Charles E. Rosenbaum.

Grand Commandery being duly opened an Address of Welcome was delivered by Rev. Sir. Knight R. E. L. Bearden, expressing the pleasure felt by the members of his Commandery at the presence of the Grand Commandery and visiting Sir Knights, and tendering the hospitalities and welcome of the Sir Knights and citizens of Bentonville. The Grand Representatives present were then duly assembled and welcomed by the R. E. Grand Commander.

R. E. Grand Commander Goss then delivered his Address, which is a faithful report of his stewardship during the year, and in which he pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. Among other things, he says, that no question requiring a decision as to Templar law had been referred to him during the year, which shows a splendid condition of affairs in that Jurisdiction.

Petition for a new Commandery, to be located at Van Buren, was received and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, and action on the same was postponed for one year.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the membership is 1,031, a net gain for the year of 28.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand of \$3,438.49.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals report that nothing had been brought before them for consideration.

An appropriation of \$1,000.00, was made for aid of the Masonic Orphans' Home, same to be used for the furnishing of the same.

The Report on Correspondence is by E. Sir Fay Hempstead, Grand Recorder. It opens with a Proemial. Frater Hempstead ably reviews forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, commencing with Alabama and continuing alphabetically. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives due notice, four pages being devoted to the same. He notes the Address of Grand Commander Litchfield as evidence of a most active administration. Kindly

remembrance is made of ourselves as Grand Recorder, in which he says that our report is uncommonly full and specific, with statistical tables which indicate a thoroughness and painstaking care, and he also has our thanks for his kind words regarding our Report on Correspondence.

Sir Thomas H. Jackson, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Fay Hempstead, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

Next Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Texarkana, the third Tuesday in May, 1910.

CALIFORNIA, 1908

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave, held in the city of San Francisco, April 23, 1908.

The volume opens with a Bather portrait of R. E. Grand Commander William D. Stephens, and the volume, like all others issued by this Grand Jurisdiction, is a credit to the Grand Recorder, and to the printer. Immediately after calling the roll and the Report of the Committee on Credentials, Grand Commandery was opened in due form for the transaction of business.

The first business was the reception of V. E. Sir W. Frank Pierce, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the United States, who was conducted to the East by an escort of the Past Grand Commanders present, where he was greeted by the R. E. Grand Commander and received with the honors due his rank and station.

The late Deputy Grand Commander, Hudson B. Gillis, was kindly remembered in an eloquent address by the Grand Captain General, who placed a handsome wreath upon the station lately occupied by him.

Knightly greetings were extended to the South Carolina Fraters, wishing them unbounded prosperity to their Grand Jurisdiction, with peace and happiness to the Sir Knights personally.

The Grand Commander's Address follows and is characteristic of our personal friend Charles L. Field. He calls attention to the missing from their ranks,—V. E. Sir Hudson B.

Gillis, Deputy Grand Commander; E. Sir Elias Delevan Gardner, Grand Standard Bearer, and R. E. Sir William M. Rundell, Past Grand Commander, saying:

"While we deplore the departure of these truly beloved Fraters to that unknown land to which our fathers have gone before us, we are still deeply grateful, and offer our sincere prayer of thanks to 'Our Father in Heaven,' that we are permitted to remain and finish our work on earth. These deceased Sir Knights were men of many virtues, enjoying the confidence, respect and love of their families and neighbors, which is the highest tribute that can be paid to departed humanity.

"They will be greatly missed in this Grand Body, and we trust they may fill important positions in that Celestial Grand Body, presided over by our Heavenly Grand Commander.

"May their memory be ever kept green."

The Address of R. E. Grand Commander Field shows evidence of his activity during the past year and his zeal for the prosperity of Grand Commandery, and we excerpt from his conclusion:

"And now, Sir Knights, having given you the details of my stewardship during my incumbency as Grand Commander, I return to you the emblem of authority with which you invested me one year ago, and sincerely trust my earnest labor in your vineyard has produced results that merit your approbation and redound to the benefit of our beloved Order.

"Before doing so, however, let me not make an innovation on an established custom of years' standing, by neglecting to recognize and appreciate the valuable services of our worthy and efficient Grand Recorder, and his able assistant. They have been of incalculable value to me, and my recognition and appreciation of them is devoid of flattery, being prompted by the spirit of justice to those faithful officers, as well as honest, sincere and deserving thanks from me. May they long live to continue their faithful services to this Grand Body.

"After thanking you, Sir Knights, for the honor you have conferred in placing me in this responsible position, let us now proceed with the deliberations for which we have been called together."

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, which occupied five pages, from which we find that the full number

of Knights Templar, January 31, 1908, was 6,065, a gain for the year of 272.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance on hand of cash from last statement, \$51,650.40 and receipts of \$11,408.44, with a balance on hand of \$48,224.98.

That the affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction are in excellent condition is exhibited by the Report of the Committee on Grievances, who report that no business had appeared to either interest or entertain that Committee.

Dispensations were asked for new Commanderies by residents at Benicia and Santa Cruz.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the recommendation of R. E. Grand Commander Field, that the Jurisdiction limit visitations of any Sir Knight holding a dimit to one year from the date of said dimit. In the opinion of the writer, a dimitted Sir Knight has no right to visit any Commandery except upon invitation of the E. Commander, his dimit virtually cutting him off from all the rights and benefits of the Order until it is again deposited in some Commandery.

The volume contains Memorial Pages to the Knightly dead of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Report on Correspondence occupies ninety-four pages, and is by Sir William A. Davies, who reviews forty-three of the Grand Jurisdictions.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously reviewed, seven pages being devoted to the same.

Sir William Dennison Stephens, Grand Commander.

Sir William A. Davies, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Conclave to be held in San Francisco, Cal., Monday, April 22, 1909.

CANADA, 1908

The Twenty-fifth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Toronto on the 12th and 13th days of August, 1908, all the Grand Officers being present, and many distinguished visitors, among whom is our own beloved M. E. Grand Master, Rev. Henry W. Rugg, who was most cordially welcomed.

In response to the welcome, he addressed Great Priory as follows:

"Dear Sir Knights and Fraters all: I esteem it a great privilege to have an opportunity to be here with you at this Anniversary Session, and to look in your faces and try to let the thoughts which well up in my mind have some expression.

"Not long ago we witnessed, in reference to the Old Land and the Old Flag, the sentiment expressed of 'Hearts across the Sea,' a sentiment we can respond to also on the other side of the line. But, if that sentiment found so much expression, how much stronger the sentiment, 'Hearts across the Border,' across the imaginary line that separates us two peoples politically. I bring to you today, my Fraters, heartfelt greetings from every State from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Southern border to the Northern line. The Order is progressing in material strength, in moral usefulness in every part of the United States, and there was nothing calculated to cement more firmly the bond of Union among men. I would hesitate to estimate the power of the influence of the 200,000 members of the Order in the United States, for their influence for good was unlimited. I voice, therefore, to you, Most Eminent Sir, the distinguished members of the Order, their best wishes and my own heartfelt thoughts and desires, and wishes for the great Order in this country, that it may not only bind us closer, but that the United States and Canada may go forward in all good things, in every Christian work and influence, protecting life's best interests, and bearing ever in mind its great chivalric hymn, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers.' Love, my brethren, is superior to hatred. Sympathy and affection between brothers count for more than mere worldly wealth. May we be ever workers in His name.

"I thank you all for your gracious reception and for your kind words of welcome. Today, I am accompanied on my staff by a number of my Grand Officers, who have won deserved recognition from their Fraters: V. E. Sir Knight Colonel Arthur MacArthur, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment; V. E. John A. Gerow, the Grand Recorder; V. E. Dr. F. C. Thayer, Grand Warden; and Dr. Freeman C. Hersey of Massachusetts, and I thank you also on their behalf. I am also pleased to have here Gen. John Corson Smith of Chicago, an old veteran of the Order, and one whom I know is well known to you all." (The Grand Master on resuming his seat received long and hearty applause.)

The Supreme Grand Master then delivered his Address, which is a comprehensive, readable document, containing much of the history of the Order in Canada and its growth, stating the membership is now 4,900, six hundred and forty-three being added during the present year, which is the largest increase in any year since the Order's formation.

A long list of Dispensations granted and refused is duly recorded. New Preceptories were instituted at Dawson, Yukon Territory, Leamington, Ont., and Frederickton, N.B. Also petition was received for a new Preceptory at Regina, Saskatchewan. He made many visitations, both at home and abroad. He pays fitting tribute to the Knightly dead of his own Jurisdiction and makes due mention of the departed Fraters of Jurisdictions in the United States. In his conclusion he pays appropriate tribute to the valuable services of our dear Frater Will H. Whyte, the Grand Chancellor. The business of the Conclave was purely local, and is of much interest to the Fraters of that Jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence by R. E. Sir Will H. Whyte, and he devotes four pages to Massachusetts and Rhode Island, states that the Grand Commander's Address was an interesting one, although it refers principally to matters of local interest, and we quote from his conclusion:

"There is no subject of great vital interest engrossing the Grand Bodies, and in consequence the Reviewers. In the American Grand Commanderies the numerous Dispensations to hurry through candidates are calling up frequent remark. It is claimed the action is contrary to the law of the Grand Encampment. Alterations in their By-Laws, Statutes and Codes have been prominent in many, and have been deferred pending the action of the next Triennial. Alterations and regulations in uniforms are still to be found in a number."

"Our American Fraters are discussing the question of public display and draping the altar in the Lodge Room with their national flag. From our point of view as a Mason, we cannot for the life of us see the utility or the necessity for this innovation.

"The altar of Masonry and its concordant Orders is a universal one and should so be kept, and the covering of the altar with any national flag, no matter what nation, is not in keeping

with its universality. We should endeavor to keep our Fraternity as it was handed down by the Fathers, and not be eternally trying to add or tack on every new-fangled notion."

M.:E.:Sir Knight Archibald A. Campbell, Supreme Grand Master.

M.:E.:Sir Knight Will H. Whyte, Grand Chancellor and Correspondent.

CONNECTICUT, 1909

The Eighty-second Annual Conclave was held in the city of New London, March 16, 1909. The volume opens with a splendid Bather portrait of George M. Long, Grand Commander. All the Grand Officers were present, with the exception of the E.:Grand Warder, who was absent on account of illness, fifteen Past Grand Commanders, the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies, and the Representatives of twenty-seven sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we note R.:E.:Sir Eli C. Birdsey, Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Following the Report of the Committee on Credentials is the Annual Address of Grand Commander Long, which is an able document and faithfully relates the transactions of his office during the year. His Dispensations were few in number, and were all for constitutional cause.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Treasurer reports balance on hand of \$4,092.12.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find the present membership is 3,721, a net gain of 105. We also note in the Grand Recorder's Report schedule of the Rituals in the possession of the Jurisdiction.

The inspection of Commanderies is, in this Jurisdiction, made by an officer called the Grand Inspector, who made a complete report of his work during the year, and from reading the same we are led to believe he is the right man in the right place, as he does not fail to admonish or praise wherever it is necessary,

and in closing his report he says that the officers of the different Commanderies have taken an interest in these inspections that has been extremely gratifying, and that results are being obtained year after year that speak well of the system and permanency of the Department of Inspections.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of R.:E.:Sir Samuel J. Bryant. This Report occupies 100 pages of the Proceedings and is a splendid review of all the Grand Jurisdictions, and is an evidence that he is a close scrutinizer, who never misses a point which offers any prospect of commenting with approval or disapproval of the same. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously noticed with two pages.

Sir Leon M. Woodford, Grand Commander.

Sir Eli C. Birdsey, Grand Recorder.

Sir Samuel J. Bryant, Correspondent.

The Eighty-third Annual Conclave to be held in Waterbury, Conn., Tuesday, March 15, 1910.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1909

A special Conclave was held in Washington, D.C., October 2, 1908, all the Grand Officers being present, in the new Masonic Temple, 13th Street and New York Avenue, N.W. There were also present eight Past Grand Commanders, and a large attendance of the members of Grand Commandery. The Grand Commander announced that in pursuance of an invitation received by him from Columbia Commandery, No. 2, he had called the present Conclave for the purpose of dedicating the Asylum of the new Masonic Temple to Templar Masonry.

V.:E.:Sir Harrison Dingman, Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment, being announced as present, was received with the honors due his exalted station.

The constituent Commanderies, under the auspices of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, with Mary Commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia as the guest of Columbia Commandery, were formed at the old Masonic Temple and marched to the new Temple. On arriving at the Asylum they were separately announced and received by the Grand Commander. The

exercises were opened by an anthem and invocation by the Grand Prelate.

An eloquent address was delivered by Sir Matthew Trimble, Vice-President of the Masonic Temple Association, and we excerpt the same:

"Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

"This Temple has already been dedicated to Masonic uses, representing the broad principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. It is now proposed, and eminently proper so to do, to dedicate this Asylum to the special specific purposes of Christian Knighthood, the magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, whose symbolic emblem is the Cross, and *'In Hoc Signo Vincas'* its battle cry in its constant and persistent warfare against sin and immorality. It would be superfluous for me to even refer to the history of this great Order, because it is a part, and no mean part, of the history of the world and of its civilization and advancement. In all lands and in every age the great work of the Knights Templar has been acknowledged, that to its work, more than to anything else aside from the Church, is to be attributed the preservation of morality and purity of character among men. Its platform was promulgated when man first became aware that human virtue and human truth and love were its most precious possessions. It was confirmed and strengthened, and put into lasting form when the nations of Europe in sight of the Holy Sepulchre, beneath the walls of the city of Jerusalem, upon the desert sands of Arabia, forgetting all former strifes and differences, pledged themselves to one another in the great brotherhood of Christ. Ages have passed away; the wars of the Crusaders have become matters of story. We wonder today at the sufferings, the toils, the martyrdom of the men who braved all dangers, suffered and died to wrest from the infidel the tomb of the Despised Man of Nazareth, but the great work then accomplished is bearing its fruit among us at this distant day, and here in this capital city of a nation then unknown, a continent then unheard of, we have met this evening to renew the pledges made in that almost forgotten time. Men must pass away, their deeds may be forgotten, but the great principles of humanity are eternal. Through all ages, in every clime and in every land of the civilized world, the principles represented by the Order of Knights Templar have been kept alive in spite of all the changes that time has wrought in the history and destiny of nations.

"In behalf of the Masonic Temple Association, it gives me exceedingly great pleasure to welcome you as tenants to this beautiful monumental building, from whence will hereafter emanate the true teachings of Freemasonry in all its legitimate branches."

The ceremony of dedication was then performed, and after an Address by R. E. Sir Eldred G. Davis, followed by congratulatory remarks by V. E. Sir Dingman and others, Grand Commandery adjourned, after prayer by the Grand Prelate.

The Forty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in Washington, May 10, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present, eight past Grand Commanders, Representatives from the constituent Commanderies and twenty-seven sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we note our own Representative, Arvine W. Johnston.

V. E. Sir Harrison Dingman, Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment, was welcomed with the honors appropriate to his rank and congratulated by the Grand Commander upon his recovery from an operation for a serious malady. Communication was read from V. E. Sir Arthur MacArthur, Representative of the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, expressing his regrets at being unable to attend the Conclave.

The Address of E. Sir William H. Cissel was then read, in which he paid fitting respect to the memory of the deceased Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. His Decisions were few in number, as were his Dispensations, and were all duly approved.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the present membership is 1,725, a gain for the year of 14.

The Finance Committee report a balance on hand of \$1,238.64, with liabilities of \$1,133.05, leaving balance on hand, after expenses had been liquidated, \$105.59.

That continued harmony and Fraternal fellowship exists throughout the Jurisdiction is evidenced by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who report that nothing had been submitted to them for consideration.

Upon retiring from office, a jewel of a Past Grand Commander was presented to R. E. Sir William H. Cissel.

The Report on Correspondence is by R. E. Sir George H. Corson, who reviews the proceedings of the forty-six Grand Jurisdictions, and we excerpt from his conclusion:

"The 'State of the Order' in the several Grand Jurisdictions that have passed in review has been found to be excellent, almost without exception. As the Order grows in numbers its field of influence enlarges, and its opportunities for good increase and multiply. A wise improvement of these opportunities will spread its benign influence, and will ultimately result in the triumph of those sublime principles upon which the Order of the Temple is founded.

"To every Sir Knight of the Order we say, Peace be with you!"

Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives due consideration, our proceedings being given two pages, in which he states that our humble self has very successfully carried out our expressed purpose of presenting a faithful review of the forty-six Grand Jurisdictions, for which he has our grateful acknowledgments.

The election of officers resulted in the election of:

Sir Walter H. Kolpfer, Grand Commander.

Sir Arvine V. Johnston, Grand Recorder.

Sir George E. Corson, Committee on Correspondence.

ENGLAND AND WALES, 1908

The Proceedings of Great Priory were held in Mark Masons Hall, Friday, December 11, 1908, the Rt. Honorable the Earl of Euston, G.C.T. on the Throne, the full line of Grand Officers and thirty-one Representatives of Preceptories, including a large number of visitors.

The Minutes of the last meeting of Great Priory having been published were taken as read.

On motion of the Earl of Euston, seconded by Bro. Chetwode-Crawley, the Chair was taken by the Earl of Kintore, who observed that the first business before the Conference related to a matter raised in correspondence between the Great Priorities

of England and Scotland, in consequence of a ruling which he had given as the interpretation of the Statutes of the Great Priory of Scotland, conferring certain powers on the Grand Master, under which he was granted a Dispensation for doing that which the English Brethren complained of, and he must take upon himself the responsibility for what he had done. The aforesaid matter related to the establishment of a Priory in Sydney, New South Wales, which, being the territory of the Great Priory of England and Wales, was without the sanction of law and usage. After much debate on the matter, action was deferred until the facts could be communicated to the Great Priorities of Ireland and Canada and the Grand Encampment of the United States, and their views obtained.

The donation of £50 for charity was voted.

The Twelfth Conference of Governing Bodies was held May 14, 1909, and was largely attended. A Chapter of Great Priory was opened in ample form by the M. E. Pro. Grand Master. The Minutes having been read of the last meeting of Great Priory they were, upon motion, confirmed. Eleven Preceptories were reported in arrears.

The Committee on Foreign Relations on the Proposed Concordat, appointed by the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, having met in Chicago and formulated a Concordat which was submitted, the same was reported as having been examined and confirmed by the Grand Master. The Concordat reads as follows:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CONCORDAT.

When those splendid Orders of Knighthood, the Knights Templar and the Knights Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem, or Knights of Malta, were known and active powers for the protection of Christianity, with fortified posts of defence on the islands of the Mediterranean, they were duly organized in languages, each nationality being governed by one Commander and the united organizations by one Grand Master. When in the progress of time and the changes of civilization these Bodies ceased to be of armed warriors, and taking on the forms of

civil government for the advancement of morality and the protection of virtue, it was still found necessary to continue the organization in form and manner as best serves our advanced civilization and national requirements.

Thus it matters not of what nationality or to what Christian sect our members belong, the tendency is to be drawn together in the one service of our Heavenly Father and in behalf of our common humanity, the better to aid in bringing into a more close and intimate friendship the numerous Bodies of our Order, now established in all parts of the civilized world, and especially the English speaking countries thereof.

Therefore, we the lawfully authorized representatives of

The Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown;
The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America;

The Religious and Military Order of the Temple, Great Priory of Ireland;

The Great Priory of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in Scotland and Dependencies of the British Crown; and

The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada,
present to each other and to the Governing Bodies we represent, the following Treaty of Amity or Concordat, and earnestly recommend its approval:

First: It is hereby agreed by the Governing Bodies of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta here represented, namely:

The Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, Malta, in England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown;

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, United States of America;

The Religious and Military Order of the Temple, Great Priory of Ireland;

The Great Priory of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in Scotland and Dependencies of the British Crown; and

The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada,
each being the Governing Body in its own country, that each of these Governing Bodies is Supreme in its own Jurisdiction; and this acknowledgment is also jointly made.

Second: That we deem it expedient and in the interests of the Orders in our respective Jurisdictions that such rules and regulations should be made and promulgated as may tend to draw more closely together the members of the Order in our respective countries, and promote the interchange of courtesy and hospitality.

Third: That any Preceptory or Commandery working under a charter granted by any one of these Governing Bodies shall not confer the Orders recognized in that Jurisdiction for a less sum than required by the laws of such Governing Body, or upon any one not a Companion of the Holy Royal Arch in regular standing in both Lodge and Chapter.

Fourth: These Governing Bodies agree mutually to support and uphold each other; and declare that any member of the United Orders who may be suspended, excluded or expelled by any one of the Governing Bodies shall not be affiliated to any Preceptory or Commandery under the jurisdiction of the others. Nor shall they in any way recognize any Body professing to be a Body of Knights Templar in any country which does not hold a Dispensation or Warrant from one or other of these Governing Bodies.

Fifth: We the contracting parties mutually agree that neither will issue any Dispensation or Warrant authorizing the establishment of any Preceptory, Priory or Commandery within the jurisdiction of the other, and that all Templars shall be received according to their rank at home, on an equal footing with those among whom they shall respectively come, taking precedence according to their official rank or degrees, and among those of equal rank, according to the seniority of their Commission or Warrant.

Sixth: Each of said contracting parties agrees not to recognize any other Templar organization or authority within the Jurisdiction now embraced by these contracting parties; each recognizing the absolute and exclusive control of the other over all matters pertaining to the Order within its Jurisdiction.

Signed on behalf of the Great Priory of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, *G. Seneschal,*
Chairman.

JOHN STRACHAN, *G. Chancellor.*
C. F. MATIER, *G. Vice-Chancellor.*

Committee.

LONDON, 30th March, 1909.

Due notice was made and recorded with Fraternal mention of the death of M. E. Sir Reuben H. Lloyd, Past Grand Master of the Templars in the United States, the resolution reading as follows:

"The Council has to record, with much regret, the death of the M. E. Hon. Reuben H. Lloyd, who was Grand Master of the Temple in the United States for the years 1898, 1899, 1901. As the Chairman of the Reception Committee, who entertained the delegates who visited the Triennial Encampment in San Francisco in 1904, he was most kind, hospitable, and most courteous, and it was with the greatest pleasure that His Eminence the Grand Master invested him with the rank and dignity of a Knight Commander. As a lawyer of exceedingly high standing, and as a Past Grand Master of the Temple, his loss will be acutely felt, not only by his fellow citizens and his Brethren of the Order, but by those English Brethren who so highly appreciated and valued his thoughtful kindness in California in 1904."

£10 was voted from the Benevolent Fund for the relief of a Knight of the Hyde Preceptory.

£500 was invested in India 3 per cent stock on behalf of the General Fund.

Membership was reported as 3,000.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand of £1,429.-10s. 11d.

The Chapter was then closed in ample form.

The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., etc., Grand Master.

John Strachan, Grand Chancellor.

C. F. Matier, G.C.T. Grand Vice-Chancellor.

FLORIDA, 1909

The Fifteenth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Jacksonville, May 13, 1909.

The constitutional number being present, the Grand Commandery was opened in ample form with a prayer by the Grand Prelate. V. E. Sir Joseph K. Orr, Grand Junior War-

den and Inspecting Officer of the Grand Encampment, was received between the lines and escorted to the East. All the Grand Officers were present; nine Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we note Em. Sir William H. Jewel, Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Address of the Grand Commander is a well-written document, in which he gives a thorough account of his stewardship during the year. Among his Dispensations was one to Oriental Commandery, to ballot on four candidates at a special meeting called for that purpose. Dispensation was refused to the same Commandery for the purpose of receiving and acting upon a petition of a candidate short of the time, and he says the request for such Dispensation not having been made at a special or regular Conclave the same was denied. He made few Decisions, which were all sustained by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$1,270.00.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reports, congratulating Grand Commandery that brotherly love prevails throughout the Jurisdiction.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find the present membership is 1,014, a gain for the year of 111.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

The election of officers resulted in the election of

Sir Alonzo M. Cushman, Grand Commander.

Sir Wilber P. Webster, Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Conclave to be held in the City of Jacksonville, Thursday, May 12, 1910.

GEORGIA, 1909

The Forty-eighth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Brunswick, May 12 and 13, 1909. The Preliminary Proceedings opened with the gathering of the several subordinate Commanderies in front of Hotel Oglethorpe, in the city of Brunswick, under command of Sir Knight George D. Case, Grand Captain General.

After receiving the members of Grand Commandery the column moved to the Court House, passing through several of the principal streets of the city. On arriving at the Court House, Addresses of Welcome were made by the Acting Mayor, and Hon. William G. Brantley, Congressman of the District. At the conclusion of the addresses, the lines were re-formed and proceeded to the Asylum of St. Elmo Commandery, where the Forty-eighth Annual Conclave was opened in regular form, all of the Grand Officers being present, and the roll-call showing that the Representatives of twenty-three subordinate Commanderies were also present.

V. E. Sir Joseph K. Orr, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was received and welcomed with full honors by the Commandery.

The Grand Commander's Address occupies forty pages of the Proceedings, and is a concise summary of the transactions of his office during the year. It contains many obituary notices, and due mention is made of the distinguished departed Fraters of other Jurisdictions. He granted many Dispensations to ballot on petitions and confer the Orders in less than statutory time, and although he reports that these Dispensations were to be acted upon at regular Conclaves, we fail to see that this mode of procedure is of any benefit to the membership of the Order, as we believe that better members are made by complying with the regular mode of procedure, and that the Orders should only be conferred upon those who fully appreciate their import and are willing to wait the regular length of time and abide by the laws and regulations of the Order, and that the law should not be set aside for the accommodation and convenience of any applicant.

Two new Commanderies were granted Dispensations. One to be located at Albany and the other at Covington, Ga.

His visitations to subordinate Commanderies were many and give evidence of his zeal for the prosperity of the Order. In regard to the condition of the Order he says, "An analysis of the reports from the various Commanderies shows that, while in the main the Order is in prosperous condition throughout the Jurisdiction, there is probably no Commandery in the

State where they are up to the point of efficiency and excellence that the Order deserves."

His Decisions were few and were in accordance with the Statutes of Grand Commandery.

He pays a deserved compliment to Grand Recorder R. E. Sir William S. Rockwell, for his constant gracious assistance in the work of the year, and in everything that he has been called upon to perform, whether as instructor, inspecting officer or the duties of Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder's report shows a membership of 2,304, a gain for the year of 185.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of R. E. Sir William S. Rockwell, and contains a brief account of the transactions of the constituent Grand Commanderies. He makes kindly mention of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and among other things he says, "The Proceedings of the oldest Grand Commandery of the United States came done up in artistic fashion, and containing numerous statistical tables of much information."

Alpheus B. Simmons, Grand Commander.

William S. Rockwell, Grand Recorder.

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave to be held May 11, 1910, at Savannah, Ga.

ILLINOIS, 1908

The Fifty-second Annual Conclave, held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Rock Island, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13 and 14, 1908.

The volume opens with a cut of "Old Glory" in colors, the Banner of the Order and a half-tone portrait of R. E. Sir Smyth Crooks, Grand Commander, and like all the other Proceedings of this Grand Body is a credit to the Grand Recorder and the printer.

The Conclave was opened with all the Grand Officers present and the Representatives of sixty-eight Commanderies. After devotional exercises, led by the Grand Prelate, came the appointments of the Standing Committees. Grand Commandery then adjourned until afternoon.

The first business of the afternoon session was the Address of the R. E. Grand Commander, from which we excerpt:

"One year ago, you placed in my hand this gavel, and installed me at the head of this Grand Commandery. The position of honor then conferred upon me I am about to surrender; and in doing so, none can realize the feelings that pervade my breast, save those who have occupied this exalted station, and whose experience was as free from perplexity as has been mine. I desire to say to the Past Grand Commanders, I would be very happy did I possess the power to express in language that which my heart feels and which my tongue now fails to utter.

"I feel as if awakening from a beautiful dream, and as if some charming vision was passing before and away from me, painted in all of the beautiful colors of art and nature combined; all just beyond my reach, and I powerless to stay its flight. I know the pleasures that have bespangled my life during the past year can never return, and I also know that it is not right that they should. I have had my full share of honors, my year of official enjoyment has passed, and upon the head of my successor I gladly place the crown of authority, with the same degree of confidence and sacred good will that is revealed by a mother's limitless love when she bids her beloved boy good-by.

"I will not attempt to conceal from you the fact that when I assumed the control of this Grand Commandery, I did so with strong misgivings as to what the outcome would be. Experience in similar organizations had taught me that a successful administration meant labor, vigilance, perseverance and other qualifications that were, perhaps, unknown to me. In looking back over the bright events, made memorable by the achievements of my predecessors, I shall be truly thankful if I have erected to the memory of this now closing administration a monument that will compare favorably with the records made by those who heretofore have served you so grandly."

The address also contains much of local interest, and among other things we excerpt the following relative to providing uniforms before receiving the Order of the Temple:

"I wish it may be practicable for the Grand Commandery to adopt a By-Law, under which a candidate for the Orders could not obtain the same in this State, without having provided himself with a uniform before receiving the Order of the

Temple. There may be a reason why this is not yet feasible, but I strongly recommend that Subordinate Commanderies adopt such a By-Law. Several, in fact many Commanderies have done this, and they have immediately discovered the benefit. A fully equipped Commandery looks better, the Sir Knights individually look better, they feel better, and take greater interest in the Commandery work, duties and pleasures incident thereto, and, finally, the better class of applicants for the Orders look for admission to such a Commandery."

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the present membership, as reported June 30, 1908, was 14,512, a net gain of 847.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance on hand of \$22,189.76.

Messages of love and sympathy were extended to V. E. Sir Gross, R. E. Sirs Nash, Munn, Dyas, Montgomery and Smith, who were detained at home on account of ill health, and the Grand Recorder was instructed to send the messages.

A 6.00 o'clock in the afternoon Grand Commandery adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, October 14, at 9.00 o'clock A.M.

The Second Day's Proceedings opened with devotional exercises, led by the Grand Prelate.

Sir Knight John D. Cleveland, Grand Generalissimo, proposed the following amendment to the statutes, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

STANDARD UNIFORM.

"SECTION 36. Knight Templar. — The following is the prescribed standard uniform of a Knight Templar and no Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross shall be eligible to receive the Order of the Temple until he has provided himself with a full uniform, such as is prescribed by this standard."

The Committee on Credentials, among other things, reported the Representatives of 75 Commanderies present.

The Report of the Committee on Templar Dead, by E. Sir Knight Dicus, is a most elaborate report, and pays fitting tribute to the dead of their own and those of sister Grand Jurisdictions.

From the Report of the Committee on Finance we excerpt the following:

"Sir Knight Gilbert W. Barnard was serving his thirty-first year as Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery when his gentle spirit passed beyond the river, and his Christ-like soul into eternity. His service was ever faithful to our Order; his ability and fitness for the office were unsurpassed. During his official term he never requested extra compensation, even where it was justly his due. Other Masonic Bodies which he served in a similar capacity have recognized his worth, and learning of the very large expense attending his last illness, death and burial, have made generous contributions as a testimonial to his service. Your Committee respectfully urges that a warrant for \$350 be drawn for the benefit of his estate."

The regulation jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Crooks, by Past Grand Master George M. Moulton, and from the words of Sir Knight Moulton we excerpt the following:

"Not as a reward for your fidelity to your engagements, not to be considered at all as a measure of compensation, but in grateful recognition of your services, and as a token of affection from all the members of this Grand Commandery, I now place upon your breast the jewel which has been bestowed upon all your predecessors in office upon their retirement from the office of Grand Commander."

And from the response of E. Sir Knight Crooks we quote as follows, his remarks being received with applause from all present.

"Sir Knights, it has been a labor of love on my part to try to perform the duties of the various positions to which I have been elected, and I want to say to you that I have done the best I could at all times to promote the honor and welfare of this Grand Commandery. I will not detain you by any further remarks, but I desire to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the kindness and the courtesy you have always shown me during my year's administration of the affairs of this Grand Body."

The Report on Correspondence is by our dear and esteemed Frater, Sir John Corson Smith. It was his twentieth annual, and we quote his opening:

"Like our Frater, R. E. Sir Knight James Southgate, the esteemed Correspondent of Grand Commandery, North Carolina, we have had our afflictions and at times have been compelled to lay aside the pen, almost resolving never to take it up again. We had not reviewed more than six or eight proceedings before recognizing our inability to write, we were about to tender our resignation to Grand Commander Crooks, when friends urged us to withhold it and employ a stenographer and typewriter, which we did, and here present the fruits of our labor.

"We are not satisfied with our work, and if our readers are of the same mind we can but ask that they be lenient with us, for we have done our best, and that when they know that I have ceased to write correspondence they say as would a western poet:

'Write as on the face of a plain and polished stone
No worded sentiment intended to condone
The errors of an eventful life,
But give the name and day I rest,
And underneath it say:
He Did His Best.'"

He devotes to Massachusetts and Rhode Island four pages, in which he says that the Annual Conclave is a thorough business meeting, in which are considered the various reports and suggestions of the Grand Commander, as dispensations, decisions and suggestions, all of which being so justly in accordance with Templar law were promptly approved. Speaking of the petition of the Boston Commandery, we excerpt the following:

"It is remarkable how few of our semi-military organizations know the difference between the right of the line and the head of the column. A commander of a column or division entitled to an escort selects such company for that duty as he may desire, takes it from the column, though it be junior in rank to one or more in the line, and the command then forms by seniority of company or regiment. In this case it was Grand Commander's privilege to select the Commandery for duty as escort, but the Grand Commandery having by vote designated that Body, he acquiesced. It became the duty of the other Commanderies to 'fall into line' by seniority.

"We feel confident that our Fraters of Boston Commandery will not take this little affair to heart, particularly when we tell them that in every national parade of our Grand Army boys this same question comes up in some one or more departments, and in many, to avoid trouble, escorts for Department Commanders are being dispensed with."

The Report on Correspondence also contains a record of his visit to the Grand Priory of Canada, and is embellished with many notes and portraits of our Canadian Fraters, also a portrait of the M. E. Grand Master, Henry W. Rugg.

The Report also contains a history of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta and is a very interesting and readable document, profusely illustrated. He also settles the controversy as to whether General Grant was a Freemason, conclusively showing that he was not. The story is so interesting that we give it in full:

WAS GENERAL GRANT A FREEMASON?

This question has been so often asked me in the last twenty-five years, and notwithstanding my answer to the same, written for and published in the *Rough Ashlar*, a Masonic magazine, printed in Richmond, Va., some fifteen or more years ago, and reprinted in the *Masonic Tidings* of Milwaukee, Wis., November, 1895, and other Masonic papers, the question is still being asked me. Desiring to give all the Masonic light upon questions which are familiar to me, I take this opportunity of putting the same upon permanent record in the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

General John C. Smith in the Rough Ashlar.

It is never pleasant to spoil a good story, but the truth sometimes compels one to do so, and when so silly a story is found going the rounds of the Masonic press as the one given below, it becomes the duty of one knowing the facts to make true answer to the above query: "Was General Grant a Freemason?"

I need not say to the comrade who served in the Confederate or Federal Army that the story is too ridiculous from the soldier's standpoint to be believed. Neither does it seem

necessary to tell the Freemason that it is untrue, for it carries the stamp of fraud upon its face. The verdict of history is, that General Grant was somewhat of a soldier, and the writer does know that General Grant was not a Freemason. But to the story, and our answer. To the *Rough Ashlar* we send this article, because that magazine, being published in the city of Richmond, the capital of Virginia and of the "late Confederacy," it will the more speedily reach the "Blue and the Gray," and thus correct the misstatement now so current. The story is as follows:

A MASONIC WAR INCIDENT.

"The following letter of Major Bryant S. Parker, an ex-South Carolina Confederate, is printed in the *Blue and Gray*:

"In one hard-fought battle in Virginia, in which my regiment lost heavily in killed and wounded, I was taken prisoner with a lot of others of our regiment. We were placed under guard at the rear, and all were searched. I had in my pocketbook my Masonic dimit. Next morning the guard came and told me that I was wanted at General Grant's headquarters. I thought my time to die had surely come, and that I never would see Sallie and the children any more. I was sure the general was going to have me shot. I was the only one of our boys who was wanted at headquarters, and the guard told me to move on. I soon reached the tent, and was told to go inside. I was frightened almost to death. My teeth rattled, my knees shook, and the perspiration was streaming from my face, although the day was cold. However, I entered, and the tent was closed, and I was alone with the Commander-in-Chief of the United States forces. He saw that I was so frightened I could hardly speak, and, rising from his camp-stool, he shook hands with me and asked me to be seated. He was so kind and good that I soon felt at home. After talking pleasantly for a while he asked me to what regiment I belonged and where my home was. He then asked me if I was a Mason, and I soon convinced him of that. He then went to the table and wrote my parole, and gave me some money, and told me to go home to Sallie and the children. The guard was called, and with a hearty 'good-by,' I departed from General Grant's headquarters the happiest man in the army."

The truth of the statement now made comes from my own personal knowledge and my acquaintance with General Grant. In 1854 I became a citizen of Galena. I there first heard of Captain Grant through his brother, Simpson S. My acquaintance with the captain was made the winter of 1859-60, when

he first came to reside in Galena. My love and attachment for the great commander began in the dark hours of our country's history and only ended with his death.

Being a member of the Order of Odd Fellows when I settled in Galena, and attaching myself to Galena Lodge, No. 17, of which General Grant's brother, Simpson, was already a member, a friendship was there contracted with Simpson S. Grant and John C. Spare — two inseparable companions — only broken as to Simpson, by his death in 1861, but the stronger today with Brother Spare.

By reason of this friendship with Simpson I soon came to know his father, Jesse R. Grant, then a resident of Covington, Ky., but interested in business with his son, Simpson, in the leather and furnishing business in Galena, to whom he made frequent visits.

Jesse R. Grant, the father of the General and Simpson S., was a Freemason, and as such frequently visited the Masonic Lodge in Galena, as we personally know, having sat in lodge with him. We also have in our possession the record book of Phoenix Lodge, U.D., 1854-55, in which Brother Jesse R. Grant is recorded as a visitor. About the year 1857 Orville S. Grant, a younger brother of General and Simpson S., came to Galena to assist in the management of the business of his father and brother, and he afterwards became a member, by initiation, of Miners' Lodge No. 273, founded April 17, 1858.

General, or Captain Grant, as he was then known, came to Galena in the winter of 1859, and removed his family there in the spring of 1860. The captain was not a Freemason, but he was an Odd Fellow, having been made a member of that Order while stationed at Sackett's Harbor, N.Y., 1848-49, but did not continue in membership.

"Uncle Jesse," as the father of General Grant was familiarly called in Galena, intended to retire from business at this time (1860), and have his three sons take the same, but Simpson being in ill-health, the change was deferred, and the captain for the time being was in the employ of the firm. The war opened in 1861, when Captain Grant became otherwise employed, and Simpson dying in September of the same year, "Uncle Jesse's" cherished hopes were never realized. The remains of Simpson S. Grant were buried in Greenwood cemetery, Galena, by the Odd Fellows, Brother John C. Spare, who is also a Freemason, officiating, and the writer assisting.

From 1861 to 1865, inclusive, history informs the reader as to General Grant's employment and where he was to be found.

In July, 1865, the writer, who had also been absent from

home, returned from the military service to Galena, and in August of the same year General Grant was publicly received by the citizens of Galena on his return home, "by reason of the close of the war." Following this, and but a few days later, General Grant and a few friends went by steamer to Dubuque, Ia., where the General was warmly welcomed by the citizens. On that excursion Jesse R. Grant and the writer were of the company. During much of the time, going and returning, "Uncle Jesse" and myself were together, and the conversation was of the General and Freemasonry. It was then that the General's father told me that he would like his son to become a member of the Craft, and said: "General, I wish that you would present a petition for initiation into your Lodge to Ulysses, for I know that he would like to become a Mason." To this I said: "Uncle Jesse, I would not like to present a petition to the General, but I will get one, and you can give it to him, as he will take it more kindly from his father than he would from me." The father replied: "I don't think it would be right in me to do so, as I am his father. I would rather you should present it, as I know that he would like to become a member of your lodge." Such, in substance, was the conversation between us on that excursion to Dubuque, Ia., in the autumn of 1865. This matter was the subject of conversation between the General's father, his brother Orville and myself, at subsequent times.

Galena Commandery No. 40, Knights Templar, was instituted in 1871, with the writer as Eminent Commander, General Grant, then President of the United States, being then at home. There were many distinguished Templars present to assist in the work. Dr. N. F. Prentice, Past Grand Commander; Hon. H. C. Burchard, M.C.; General Smith D. Atkins; Hon. E. L. Cronkrite, mayor; Robert Little, United States collector; Captain William Young, James S. McCall, Dr. McKim, Loyal L. Munn, since Grand Secretary, all of Freeport; Hon. John Olinger, mayor of Dunleith; Hon. Samuel Cook, Homer Graves, Captain J. M. Doggett and others of Illinois; Horace Tuttle, Past Deputy Grand Commander, and William P. Allen, Past Grand Master, together with others, from Iowa. The Commandery was instituted on the afternoon of September 29, 1871, and work on the Orders commenced. At 9 o'clock P.M., a recess was taken, and by appointment with the writer, President Grant received the Sir Knights, who were fully uniformed, at the house of Mr. L. S. Felt, whose guest he then was. A pleasant hour was spent in conversation with General Grant, after which the Sir Knights returned to their Asylum.

At that reception the subject of Masonry and the General's favorable opinion of it was spoken of, and it was then agreed that at the first favorable opportunity the General would sign a petition for initiation, and, if accepted, would become a member of Miner's Lodge No. 273, of which the writer was then the Master.

During the political contest for the President's re-election (1872 and 1873), the General visited his home in Galena, and the subject was again mentioned. At this time I had a conversation with Brother James A. Hawley, M. W. Grand Master, informed him of General Grant's intention to petition my Lodge, and that for reasons not necessary to mention I would like to have the Grand Master visit my lodge at such time as I should name and exercise his prerogative of "making a Mason at sight" — that is, without his being subject to a ballot. M. W. Brother Hawley said it would give him pleasure to do so. Brothers Dr. N. F. Prentice, Robert Little, Loyal L. Munn and others of Freeport; Dr. Fred W. Byers of Lena and other brethren along the line of the Illinois Central railway, having expressed a desire to be present on such an occasion, and having learned that I could have a special train at any time on a few hours' notice to run from Dixon, the home of Grand Master Hawley to Galena, I felt fully provided for the event. When the General next visited his home, preparations were made, when some affair of State recalled him to Washington earlier than anticipated and there the matter dropped.

My own ill-health and subsequent removal from Galena prevented my ever making any further effort to bring about the accomplishment of the most ardent wish or desire of "Uncle" Jesse R. Grant, the father of the General.

General Grant lived until July 23, 1885, when from the heights of Mt. McGregor he peacefully passed to the portals of that Great Lodge on high, where, by the Grand Architect of the Universe, our Supreme Grand Master, he was made a Mason "at sight." There, beside the first general of the armies of the United States, Brother George Washington, he now sits at the right hand of our Heavenly Father in the Grand East — there where every true Freemason, whether he wore the "blue" or the "gray," may hope to greet and recognize him when their earthly pilgrimage is ended, and they like him, are at rest.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Sir William E. Gross, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Harris A. Wheeler, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir John C. Smith, Past Grand Commander, Correspondent.

The next Annual Conclave will be held in Chicago, October 26, 1909.

INDIANA, 1909

The Fifty-fifth Annual Conclave, held in Indianapolis, the 12th day of May, 1909, with the Grand Encampment represented by V. E. Sir William B. Melish, Deputy Grand Master. All of the Grand Officers were present, with the exception of Grand Captain of the Guard; sixteen Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives from fifty-three chartered Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery being in order, V. E. Sir Melish was conducted into the Asylum and received with the honor befitting his rank. V. E. Sir Melish addressed Grand Commandery at length, and among other things he said:

"I greet you as your fellow Pilgrim Warrior, enlisted for the entire war, and congratulate you for what this Grand Commandery stands for, for what it has accomplished in the past, and with a firm belief that still greater triumphs are to come to you in the future under the protection and guidance of the Great Commander of us all."

The Grand Commander then delivered his Annual Address, which contains much of interest to that jurisdiction. Dispensations were granted in accordance with Templar usage; other Dispensations were refused, and relative to same he says:

"I am opposed to granting Dispensations to receive and ballot upon petitions in less than the statutory time, and I have steadfastly refused all such requests, and would not grant them on any account, unless the case appealed to me as one of actual emergency."

Other Dispensations refused he deemed it unnecessary to report. His Decisions were few and were in accordance with Templar law. At the conclusion of his Address it was referred to the proper committees.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance on hand of \$13,369.42.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the number of chartered Commanderies is 53; membership 6,343, a gain for the year of 165.

The volume further contains memorials to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The election of officers resulted in the election of Sir Luther Short, R. E. Grand Commander, and Calvin W. Prather, E. Grand Recorder, who were installed into office by V. E. Sir William B. Melish, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Following the installation, R. E. Sir Charles Day was presented with the Past Grand Commander's jewel, the presentation being made by E. Sir Alfred C. Ormond, and the speeches of presentation and R. E. Sir Day's response were heartily enjoyed by all present.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of E. Sir Joseph A. McKee. Massachusetts and Rhode Island are briefly mentioned. Of the Report of the Grand Recorder he says, it "is in a class by itself." "It appears to be complete in every detail; the amount of statistical information given to the Order is marvelous," for all of which your humble servant is truly grateful. We excerpt from his conclusion:

"One of the greatest of living writers has given to the human race a poem, fantastic, yet beautiful. That poem teaches a lesson to you and to me:

'When I was a King and a Mason — a Master proven and skilled —
I cleared me ground for a palace such as a King should build.
I decreed and dug down to my levels. Presently under the silt,
I came on the wreck of a palace such as a King had built.

'There was no worth in the fashion — there was no wit in the plan —
Hither and thither, aimless, the ruined footings ran;
Masonry, busts, mishandled, but carven on every stone:
"After me cometh a Builder. Tell him I, too, have known."

'Swift to my use in my trenches, where my well planned ground-works grew,
I tumbled his quoins and his ashlar, and cut and reset them anew.
Limn I milled of the marbles; burned it, slacked it and spread;
Taking and leaving at pleasure the gifts of the humble dead.

'Yet I despised not nor gloried; yet, as we wrenched them apart,
I read in the ragged foundations the dream of that builder's heart.
As he had risen and pleaded, so did I understand
The form of the dream he had followed in the face of the thing he had planned.

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'When I was a King and a Mason — in the open noon of my pride,
They sent me a Word from the Darkness — they whispered and put me aside.
They said, "The end is forbidden." They said, "Thy use is fulfilled,
And thy palace shall stand as that other's — the spoil of a King who shall build."

'I called my men from my trenches, my quarries, my wharves, and my shears.
All I had wrought I abandoned to the faithless years.
Only I cut on the timber, only I carved on the stone:
"After me cometh a Builder. Tell him I, too, have known!"

R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Luther Short.

E. Grand Recorder, Calvin W. Prather.

E. Sir Joseph A. McKee, Correspondent.

The next Annual Conclave to be held in Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, the second Wednesday in May, 1910.

IOWA, 1909

The Forty-sixth Annual Conclave was held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 14, 15 and 16, 1909.

The volume opens with a splendid Bather portrait of Grand Commander Charles W. Walton, and the volume, like all others that emanate from this Grand Jurisdiction, is a credit to the Grand Recorder and the printer.

The First Day's session opened at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, all the Grand Officers being present, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by E. Sir George W. Ball, Grand Prelate. The first business was the reception of distinguished guests, among whom was V. E. Sir Jehiel W. Chamberlain, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States, who was welcomed by the Grand Commander. Sir Knight Chamberlain responded to the welcome of the Grand Commander in felicitous terms. Among other distinguished guests present were R. E. Sir Joseph E. Dyas, Past Grand Commander of the State of Illinois, and V. E. Sir W. H. Norris, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encamp-

ment of the United States; R. E. Sir D. W. Clements, Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, also Companion Louis Block, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter of Iowa, each of whom responded eloquently to the words of the Grand Commander.

The next business in order was the Grand Commander's Address, which is a faithful exhibit of his stewardship during the year. Among other things he says:

"The beauties of Templar Park, with nature's arch above our heads and nature's green beneath our feet, beckons to us a glad welcome. This great and magnificent out-door cathedral, domed by the blue canopy of heaven, brings an inspiration that fills us with the better feelings of our nature, and lifts our minds and hearts to the Grand Architect above. Therefore, with deep and keen appreciation we should be graciously encouraged to devoutly worship our Divine Creator for the manifold blessings and comforts we are privileged to enjoy.

"Rallying around our beauseant as we meet here today brings to our memory many happy experiences of by-gone Conclaves and the hope that these cordial relations may ever enlarge and continue steadfastly in the renewing of friendships, extending hospitality and exchanging joys and pleasures from the wee child to the gray-haired patriarch."

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"The Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa now nearing the end of her first half century, with her enrollment of six thousand members, rejoices in her country's improvement and advancement. The nation's "Old Glory" is honored all through the earth, and while always to be an American was a source of pride, to be one today is a thing of supreme delight, because our Union stands on equal footing with the most enlightened nations of the globe."

His Report of the dead of the Jurisdiction is a fitting tribute to the memory of those who have departed, and we excerpt from his remarks:

"Before we enter upon the real work of this occasion let us pause in memory of those beloved Knights who have crossed the bar. While the line of officers and Past Grand Commanders escaped the path of the 'Silent Reaper,' still we have been forcibly reminded that 'man is mortal and must surely die.' Our records show that the badge of mourning has

appeared in thirty-nine Commanderies, who have been called upon to tearfully place in the city of graves one hundred and four of this Jurisdiction's departed Fraters.

"Let us stand with bared heads while the Grand Recorder reads the register of the dead.

" 'A Christian is the highest style of man.' "

"While we have been called upon to mourn the loss of many distinguished Sir Knights, our sister Jurisdictions have not been exempt from the visitations of the grim messenger, Death, and to whose memory a more fitting tribute will be given by the able Committee on Templar Dead.

" 'Just across a narrow stream the flowers never fade and the crystal streams are always murmuring and the birds are singing. There is not a tear to dim the vision as the boundless beauty breaks in increasing splendor on the view. There is never a cloud to mar the light that makes perpetual morning, and makes every world in the eternities shine with the splendor of a gem, and amidst the grandeur, eternal and beautiful as the love of God, we leave our dead, just out of sight, but only across a narrow stream. In token of the beautiful life that is theirs, we will scatter flowers upon their graves and hope that upon the rising fragrance, pure as the breath of angels, our love may be lifted near enough to heaven somehow to remind the loved and lost that they are not forgotten.' "

From the Report of the Grand Treasurer we find that he reported cash balance on hand in the general fund, \$5,747.00.

The Grand Recorder's Report occupies eight pages of the Proceedings. From the same we find that the number of Commanderies making returns is 57, showing a total membership December 31, 1908, of 5,955, making a net increase of 165. We find that 37 Commanderies show an increase in membership, 15 show a decrease, while 5 are unchanged. Among the interesting items contained in his Report is the report on uncollected dues from the constituent Commanderies, who report uncollected dues of \$4,041.74. Seven of the Commanderies report that all dues were paid.

A letter of regret was read from the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D.D., and was made part of the records. Also the regrets of a score of others, who had been invited and were unable to be present.

At the second day's session the Committee on Credentials reported all the Grand Officers as being present and Representatives of the constituent Commanderies, who were either present in person or by proxy; ten Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of twenty-eight sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find E. Sir W. F. Fidler, the Grand Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Committee on Templar Dead, of whom R. E. Sir Cromwell Bowen was Chairman, read a beautiful tribute to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions, which was unanimously adopted by rising vote, the same occupying five pages of the Proceedings.

The third day's proceedings opened at 10.00 o'clock, after invocation to Deity by E. Sir George W. Ball, Grand Prelate. The Committee on Grievances and Appeals report that "the wise administration of those intrusted with the affairs of this Jurisdiction has been such that there are no appeals, nor are there any grievances on file." It certainly shows a commendable condition of affairs in that Jurisdiction.

The fourth day's session was called to order at 10.00 o'clock, and the officers who had been previously elected were installed publicly.

The Report on Correspondence is by the hand of David W. Clements and is a splendid document. Massachusetts and Rhode Island are courteously mentioned, and among other things he says of R. E. Sir C. I. Litchfield, that he "accomplished the rare task of making forty-one official visits to Commanderies. Perhaps in no other way could he have better improved the state of the Order than by these visits, and that number in a half year was a most commendable feat." He calls our first report a good one and has our grateful acknowledgments for same.

R. E. Sir Amos N. Alberson, Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir David M. Brownlee, Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir D. W. Clements, Committee on Correspondence.

The Forty-seventh Annual Conclave to be held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, during the week commencing July 12, 1910.

KANSAS, 1909

The Fortieth Annual Conclave was held in Independence, Kan., May 11, 1909.

The first business in order was the reception of R. E. Sir John C. Postlethwaite, Past Grand Commander of Kansas and personal representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, who was in waiting in the anteroom with his staff for the purpose of making an official visitation to this Grand Commandery. This distinguished Frater was duly received and accorded the courtesies due his exalted rank.

The Grand Recorder then called the roll of Commanderies and announced that the constitutional number was present and Grand Commandery was opened in ample form, all the Grand Officers being present, with the exception of the Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer and Grand Warder; eight Past Grand Commanders, the Representatives of fifty constituent Commanderies and twenty-one representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find E. Sir Edward W. Wellington, the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Grand Commander's Address followed and was an able and comprehensive review of the transactions of his office during the year, and from the same we excerpt the following:

"The great clock in the chamber of the Omnipotent never stands still; soon it will strike the hour, and another year in the history of this Grand Commandery will begin.

"The record of my administration passes into history, so I stand before you, Sir Knights, as Kipling's 'Tomlinson' stood before St. Peter, when admonished:

"Stand up. Stand up, now Tomlinson and answer loud and high,
The good ye did for the sake of man, or ever you came to die,"
And the naked soul of Tomlinson, grew white as a rain washed bone,
"This I have read in a book" he said, "and this has been told to me

"And this I have thought, that another man thought of a Prince in Muscovy."

And Peter twirled the jangling keys in weariness and wrath,
"Ye have read. Ye have heard. Ye have thought" he said, and the tale is yet to run
"By the worth of the body that once ye had, give answer, what ha' ye done?"

"We are grateful for the universal peace and harmony that have prevailed within our borders, also for the cordial relations with all regular Grand Jurisdictions."

The Grand Treasurer reports balance on hand of \$12,370.04, also a Triennial Fund of \$1,465.18.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the membership March 31, 1909, was 4,969, a net gain for the year of 246.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology is an able document, and fitting tribute is paid to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Report on Correspondence is by R. E. Sir John C. Postlethwaite and occupies 100 pages of the Proceedings, it being his first report. He says that it is with great misgivings that he submits to the Templar world his first Report on Correspondence, realizing that it is only constant application, persistent study and earnest research, coupled with long experience in this work, that enables one to furnish a readable report, and that he fully realizes this is evidenced by the very readable and interesting report that he has submitted. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously reviewed, in which he calls our first attempt a "credible document," for which he has our kindest acknowledgments.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Sir Marvin L. Truby, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas J. Anderson, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir J. C. Postlethwaite, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Conclave to be held at Hutchinson, May 18, 1910.

KENTUCKY, 1909

The Sixty-second Annual Conclave was held in the city of Ashland, May 19 and 20, 1909. The volume, like all others that emanate from this Grand Jurisdiction, is a credit to the Grand Recorder, A. H. Bryant.

The Proceedings open with a record of the welcome and receptions prepared by the Fraters of Ashland Commandery, consisting of addresses of welcome and receptions by Past E.

Commander John E. Pollock and daughter, in the Park City Club Rooms, also by the Mayor and Mrs. J. O. Mathewson at their home, also reception by Montgomery Commandery, No. 5, at the residence of Past Commander Willard U. Carr. Maysville Commandery, No. 10, also entertained the visiting Sir Knights and ladies at the handsome residence of Sir Knight John F. Hager, and Cynthiana Commandery, No. 16, gave an old-fashioned Kentucky reception at the residence of Past Commander Timothy A. Field. Other Commanderies also entertained, all of which concluded with a reception and ball to the Grand and Constituent Commanderies by Ashland Commandery, No. 28, which occupied the time from 8.30 P.M. to "cock-crow," at Clyffeside Park.

At the formal Proceedings of the first day occurred the opening of the Sixty-second Conclave in the Asylum of Ashland Commandery. The several Commanderies in attendance assembled at their respective headquarters and proceeded to the First Methodist Episcopal Church, where Sir Knight Rev. John I. Wean welcomed the Grand Commandery and visiting Fraters, and we excerpt from his Address:

"Sir Knights and Ladies:

"I am asked to voice to you our welcome; impossible task! As well might I attempt to measure the chivalry of our Order; or with my single sword illustrate the meaning of a glittering arch of steel.

"However, we warn you that, at this moment, the blades of our affection are pointed at your unprotected breasts. It is no vain threat; we mean to charge until we have found your hearts.

"Express our welcome? Declare in ten paltry minutes what we mean to thrust upon you during your stay in our midst?

"Prodigious undertaking with human words so poor! The very bigness of our difficulty delights us. We feel like a poverty-stricken, half-starved urchin, suddenly commissioned to construct a railway tunnel through a gingerbread mountain. We actually begin to feel great by virtue of association with our burden. It has been our ambition that everything in connection with this Conclave should be great. But if we fail in all things else, we still desire that you shall feel the delight we experience in your presence.

"We are anxious to lay aside all conventionality, all that is artificial, and press upon you the genuineness of our welcome, in the name of our common knighthood, into the bosom of our royal family."

Response to same was made by R. E. Sir Knight Robert S. Moses, Grand Commander, and we excerpt from his Address:

"Sir Knights, Ladies and Friends:

"It is not within the bounds of my limited ability to convey to you how much we appreciate the courteous recognition and the clever introduction you have given us on this visit to Ashland Commandery. Nor can I half express to you how much we are gratified when we consider the many enjoyable features that have been arranged for our entertainment and pleasure during our stay in your attractive and hospitable city."

Religious services were then held under the direction of the E. Grand Prelate, Sir Mason P. Brown, assisted by Sir Knight Rev. Felix K. Struve. The music incident to the service was beautifully rendered by a double quartette, and the sermon was highly appreciated and is a masterly effort. Were it not so long we should like to have quoted the whole of it.

At the conclusion of the religious services an escort, under the direction of Sir Knight William Yeoman, E. Grand Captain General, was formed on 13th Street, where the Commanderies formed a hollow square and a review took place, which was followed by luncheon.

Grand Commandery was then opened, all the Grand Officers being present. The Grand Commander then delivered his Address, which is an able document, in which he says complimentary things of the Grand Recorder, stating that he is well posted on official affairs, accommodating, unassuming, genial and courteous. Evidently our Frater Bryant is all right and popular in that Jurisdiction.

His Dispensations to ballot on petitions in less than statutory time are numerous, no less than 16 of the Commanderies receiving the same, and the number of candidates balloted upon under these Dispensations was 114. Truly, the emergency for

such wholesale proceedings must have been very great! He also declined to grant a Dispensation to ballot in less than the statutory time because the request stated that the candidates were anxious to get through the Commandery in order to join the Mystic Shrine, he saying that he did not regard the reason as commendable. As we have often before expressed our opinion regarding this matter, we reiterate the same, that the granting of such Dispensations is entirely uncalled for and should be frowned upon. He also granted Dispensations to form new Commanderies, one to be located at London and the other at Fulton. We excerpt from his conclusion:

"In closing this account of my official service, I wish to say, some of the mistakes I may have made were caused by my desire to accommodate, if possible, or comply with the wishes of the various Commanderies. While in other cases I may have been too strict, it was not me, but the requirements of our Laws and Regulations, which demand that they must be complied with.

"I will now return the charge you committed to my care, trusting I have served you fairly satisfactorily, and thank you most heartily for the honor of having been permitted to fill this distinguished office."

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$2,999.69, besides a Permanent Fund of \$4,119.91.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the membership April 30, 1909, was 4,089, a net gain for the year of 312.

The Committee on Credentials reported all the Grand Officers present, eleven Past Grand Commanders, the representatives of twenty-six of the sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we fail to find the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Committee on Necrology rendered an able report, giving kindly remembrance to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions, from which we excerpt the following:

"To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Kentucky:

"BELOVED FRATERS: Death is still abroad in our land, severing earthly friendships and breaking loving hearts, but, thanks

be to God, his dreadful work is confined to this world. He is permitted to destroy the bodies of our Fraters, but he cannot touch their souls if they have rendered faithful and affectionate service to the Captain of their Salvation. For He has said, through His great Apostle Paul, 'that neither principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor *death*, nor any other creature, shall ever be able to separate such from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

"Therefore, the visible and transient are conditioned by time, but the invisible and permanent have no such limitations. *Faith* in Jesus binds us to the eternal things and insures us an enduring and inexpressible bliss which cannot be expressed in human language, but *sense* ties us to this lower or material existence, which is full of care, pain and death. How inspiring, then, is the anticipation of the living disciples of Christ, that in the sweet by-and-by the pure friendships formed in this world shall be renewed, never more to be interrupted. This life should be used as a blessed opportunity for storing up pure thoughts and affections for the better time to come.

"Dear Fraters, let us daily strive to fill our lives full of those masterful soul qualities which are essential to the enjoyment of a blissful eternity.

'The shortest life is longest, if 'tis best;
'Tis ours to labor — to God belongs the rest.
Our lives are measured by the deeds we do,
The thoughts we think, the objects we pursue.'"

The retiring Past Grand Commander was at the conclusion of the Conclave presented with a Past Grand Commander's jewel.

The Report on Correspondence is from the trenchant pen of R. E. Sir Charles R. Woodruff. The review consists of 46 sister Grand Jurisdictions, besides Canada, England and Wales, and occupies 133 pages. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is given kindly mention, which occupies four pages, and your Correspondent is given kindly notice.

Sir Joseph Hedges Ewalt, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred H. Bryant, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir W. W. Clarke, Correspondent.

The Sixty-third Annual Conclave will be held in the city of Winchester, May 18, 1910.

LOUISIANA, 1909

The Forty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in the city of New Orleans, February 4, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present, twelve Past Grand Commanders, two Past Deputy Grand Commanders and two Past Grand Captains General; the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies and fourteen Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we do not find the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Address of the Grand Commander occupies five pages of the Proceedings, and among other things he says that Templarism in that Jurisdiction is upon a plane so high and so very satisfactory that the duties of the officers are made not only a pleasure, but so extremely light, he finds that he had but little to report. He called the attention of the Fraters present to the fact that the Grand Commandery had no Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and that the fact had been unfavorably commented upon in one or more cases. He recommended that such a Committee be created, and this recommendation was duly approved and a Committee of not more than three members was ordered to be appointed by the Grand Commander.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the present membership, January 1, 1909, was 718, a net gain for the year of 70.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand of \$1,573.65.

No report on correspondence.

Sir Joseph T. Young, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Richard Lambert, Grand Recorder.

The Forty-seventh Annual Conclave to be held in New Orleans in February, 1910.

NEW MEXICO, 1908

The Eighth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Albuquerque on the 23d day of October, 1908, all the Grand Officers being present with the exception of the Grand Captain General.

The Grand Commandery was opened in ample form, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by the Grand Prelate.

The first business in order was the reception of V. E. Sir W. Frank Pierce, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, K.T. of the United States, and Representative of the M. E. Grand Master, who was introduced and received with the honors due his rank and station.

Immediately following the Report of the Committee on Credentials the Grand Commander delivered his Address, and among other things he said that "the saddest part of our mission is the first to have our attention," and then calls attention and pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. Special mention was made of the valuable assistance rendered by Grand Recorder Keene, of whom he says, "Although a very busy man in private life, he has always found time to render me assistance and in various ways has lightened my work."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$1,946.77.

The Grand Recorder's Report shows a membership of 543, a gain for the year of 76.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Sir Oscar L. Gregory, Grand Commander.

Sir Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Recorder.

The Ninth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Albuquerque, Friday, October 22, 1909.

MARYLAND, 1908

The volume opens with a half-tone striking likeness of R. E. Sir Edwin G. Staley, Grand Commander. The volume itself, like all others issued by our friend John, is a credit to him and the printer's craft.

An Emergency Conclave was held in Baltimore on January 20, 1908, for the purpose of devising ways and means toward infusing new life and vigor in the five Commanderies stationed in the city of Baltimore, whose apartments had been destroyed by fire on January 17. The Conclave was largely attended, and the assembly was addressed by the R. E. Grand Commander, who made some eloquent remarks as to ways and means for fixing up proper quarters, which resulted in the ap-

pointment of a committee of four Sir Knights from each of the five Commanderies to take into consideration plans for obtaining new uniforms for the purpose of the Commanderies.

A Special Conclave was held in the city of Baltimore, Monday, April 20, 1908, for the purpose of installing officers-elect of the constituent Commanderies, and the transaction of such business as might be lawfully brought before it.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Baltimore, November 24, 1908, all the Grand Officers being present, and the Representatives of twenty-two constituent Grand Commanderies, among whom we fail to find the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The first business after the opening was the reception of Sir Knight George W. Kendrick, Jr., Representative of M. E. Grand Master Henry W. Rugg. Sir Knight Kendrick was received by the R. E. Grand Commander with the honors due his exalted rank, not only as Representative of the M. E. Grand Master, but also as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Maryland near that of Pennsylvania.

The first business after the calling of the roll and the Report of the Committee on Credentials was the Address of the R. E. Grand Commander, and we excerpt from this as follows:

"We are now assembled in the Thirty-eighth Annual Conclave under strange conditions, and laboring under many peculiar disadvantages; brought face to face with stern realities and forcibly reminded of the uncertainty of time and fortune.

"The past year has wrought many changes; the unexpected has happened; hopes have been blighted and our shattered ambitions shrouded in the gloom of sorrow and misfortune. Yet with all this we have enjoyed our full share of blessings and prosperity, and should be profoundly grateful to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for sparing us to welcome the dawn of this new era, which marks the beginning of the most important epoch in the history of Templar Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland.

"Grave responsibilities, then, rest upon our shoulders, and we should ever bear in mind that we are not here merely as Brothers, Companions and Fraters, but as business men, who, by fact of having passed through the ceremonies and endured the trials of office in our several Commanderies, are supposed

to be the better qualified to profit by the experiences of the past, take stock of the present, and devise ways and means for the future. We are not here as the Representatives of any particular Commandery or personal interest, but assembled under the direct laws of the Grand Encampment to form a community of interest, where we are one for all and all for one, and to legislate for the best good of the Order of the Temple at large, and this Grand Jurisdiction in particular."

"The man who liveth unto himself may say, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' which was the first question of guilt propounded when the world was young and the human family small. Jealousy, ignorance, prejudice and superstition were the elements that entered the mind of one brother and caused the murder of the other, and from this fountain of bitterness has flowed through all ages a continuous river of tears and blood. God created men after His own image to help one another, and just as each atom is of the greatest importance to the universe only so long as it is obedient to the law of gravitation, so is each individual absolutely dependent one upon the other, and drawn together by the common centre of love, so that he who would perpetuate his name unto posterity must embalm it in 'acts of charity and deeds of pure beneficence.'"

He made many visitations during the year and from his Report of the same we excerpt the following:

"The object of the Grand Commander in these visitations was first to fulfil a promise and gratify the wishes of these several Commanderies, to awaken enthusiasm outside of the Asylum, to bring about a better acquaintance, and to draw the city and county Fraters closer together in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love; to exemplify the new tactics that we have adopted, and to prove that officers and Past Commanders could be of benefit to their Commanderies outside of the Asylum routine duty."

Appreciating fully the services of Sir John H. Miller, Grand Recorder, we quote his words regarding same:

"I would indeed be ungrateful were I to close this report without making some manifestation of appreciation for the services rendered me by our E. Grand Recorder, Sir Knight John H. Miller. He has been not only faithful and most proficient in the performance of his official duties, but always

ready and willing to make personal sacrifice to assist me in the performance of my duties, and to advance the best interest of Templar Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction."

From our personal acquaintance with our dear Frater Miller, we know that he deserved all that could be said of him, and perhaps more.

At the conclusion of the Address of the R. E. Grand Commander, at his invitation, Past Grand Commander Kendrick of Pennsylvania arose and delivered a most eloquent address, in which he endorsed the recommendation of the R. E. Grand Commander in reference to holding Annual Conclaves outside of the city of Baltimore, and proved by the percentage of statistics of the Grand Commanderies of Ohio and Pennsylvania that those two Jurisdictions had more Knights Templar to their number of Master Masons than any other Jurisdictions, being held in different places each year.

Dispensations granted and Decisions made by the R. E. Grand Commander were all in accordance with Templar law, and were duly approved.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the total membership is 1,795, a net gain for the year of 62.

The volume contains obituary notices of the deceased Fraters of their own Jurisdiction and memorial pages set apart to those of sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Frater John H. Miller, and occupies 125 pages and, as usual, is full of good things and comments about the doings of sister Grand Jurisdictions. While our good Frater always carries his lance at poise and thrusts it wherever he deems it necessary to call attention to some seeming illegality, he does so without malice, and his criticisms fall without any sting to those to whom they are directed. While the writer and our good friend John may differ materially in regard to what a correspondent is to write or lay before his readers, and his views as to what would be most interesting to those who take the pains to read the correspondence, we are of the opinion that it should be a concise statement of things done, that

would enhance the interest of our own Jurisdiction, and that the laying down of the law should be left to those who make them, still we believe that many of these so-called "evasions of the law" had better be left unreported, for the reason that in a large majority of cases the Commander does not give his reason in his address for making them.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously reviewed, three pages being devoted to the same. We thank our good Frater for his kind words relative to ourself and assure him that his criticisms of the Dispensations granted by our Grand Commander are not considered captious. Relative to his remarks on working charters, I can assure our dear Brother that he is "barking up the wrong tree," as these working charters are merely to be hung on the walls of the Asylum, and at all meetings of Commanderies in this Jurisdiction, the original charter is present when the Conclaves are opened, and it is returned to its safe deposit vault or other place of security at the close of the Conclave.

The election of officers resulted in the election of

Sir George E. French, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Conclave will be held at the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, November 23, 1909.

MICHIGAN, 1909

A splendid volume of Proceedings, and like all others that emanate from this Grand Jurisdiction, is a credit to the Grand Recorder and to the printer.

The Fifty-third Annual Conclave was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Detroit, June 8, 1909.

Previous to the opening of Grand Commandery, Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, of Kalamazoo, being the home Commandery of the R. E. Grand Commander, tendered their escort to the R. E. Grand Commander and Grand Commandery from Hotel Cadillac to Masonic Temple. Cyrene Preceptory, No. 29, of Toronto, was in line as the official escort of the officers of the Grand Priory of Canada who were present.

The constitutional number of members of Grand Commandery being present, the R. E. Grand Commander, assisted by the Grand Officers and Representatives opened the Fifty-third Annual Conclave in full form, being led in their devotions by the E. Grand Prelate, Rev. Charles A. Lippincott.

The first business in order was the reception of V. E. Sir Joseph K. Orr, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, who was received under the arch of steel and seated in the East. In a like manner M. E. Sir Archibald A. Campbell, Supreme Grand Master of the Sov. Great Priory of Canada, and staff, were received with the honor due their exalted position. The speeches of welcome and response were timely and much appreciated.

Among other things Grand Master Archibald A. Campbell spoke as follows:

"We wish, coming here from across the line, to thank you most heartily for your kind invitation to myself and staff and also to the subordinate Preceptories that have received your invitation, and those who have also accompanied us. It is not the first time we have acknowledged the hospitality of the Sir Knights of the State of Michigan, and we trust that this fraternal intercourse may be increased from year to year.

"In the Temple today is the flag of your great country, and the flag of the land that I call my home. (Applause.) We might say we today meet under two flags. But, today, Sir Knights, we meet under one flag. (Applause.) And that is the Templar banner. It is the emblems on that Templar banner that make us more friendly as individuals and as Representatives of different countries than any other sentiments that could be promulgated."

To which the R. E. Grand Commander responded as follows:

"I am sure that in acknowledgment to both the Representatives of our beloved Grand Encampment, and our distinguished friends and Fraters from across the line, of our appreciation of their visit, I take no false step when I say that we stand today beneath those splendid banners in the East, and face them in the West, which signify 'U.S.'"

"Those cabalistic letters stand for many splendid meanings. In the simplest form they stand for 'us'; and to our patriotic hearts they stand for our beloved land, the 'United States of America.' In the broadening spirit and sweep of our patriot-

ism, and the strong bonds of our Fraternity they stand for the 'Union Jack' and the 'Stars and Stripes.' (Applause.)

"'U.S.,' in another sense, stands for '*United Service*' under the banner of Knights Templar in the name of the Blessed Immanuel, in behalf of all mankind. (Applause.) Wherever the English language is spoken, one or the other of these banners proudly floats, and assures Truth, Justice and Liberty to all beneath its sun-kissed, Heaven-blessed folds, and marching proudly together, the world around, in behalf of civilization and progressive freedom, the sun never sets on either of them."

On calling the roll all the Grand Officers were found to be present, and the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

The Address of the Grand Commander immediately followed the opening and is an able document, conveying to the members present a faithful record of his stewardship during the year. His Decisions were made and were all made in accordance with Constitutional law. Among other interesting things we note in his address is the matter of Rituals. Some six of the Commanderies having reported lost Rituals we quote Decision No. 10 relating to same as a matter of much importance to all:

"10. *Question*.—From one of the six Commanderies who have lost Rituals I received this inquiry: "Our Annual Meeting with election of officers falls on the second Tuesday of March, being March 9. Can we hold our election and installation on that evening with one of the Rituals missing? If you can so arrange the matter, it will be very much appreciated."

"*Answer*.—Hold the election and install the officers just the same. Send a sealed letter to each member of the Commandery, asking him if he has or knows anything about this Ritual, and insist upon a reply. Then write me the results.

"I have written this Commandery several times since, but have no favorable reply.

"I am perfectly well aware that this decision is not in accordance with the standing resolution of the Grand Encampment, found on page 201 of the Proceedings of 1901, which reads:

"*Resolved*, That it shall be and is hereby made the duty of

the installing officer in subordinate Commanderies of Knights Templar on occasion of installation of officers to see that the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, the Statutes and Regulations of their Grand Commandery, the Rituals of the Red Cross and Knights Templar, and the Ritual of the Order of Malta are *actually and in fact in possession of the incoming Commander, or properly accounted for at the time and before he administers the oath of office.*

"Nor is it in keeping with the spirit and intention of the entire matter of Rituals, as found on pages 86 to 90 of this same volume, wherein are found General Order No. 2 and General Order No. 3 of Grand Master Lloyd, dealing with this subject.

"Unless a Ritual is '*properly accounted for*' by saying that it is *lost or missing*, my decision has no standing in court. I was confronted with a condition and not a theory. Six of our Commanderies, over one-eighth of the entire number, are in this unhappy predicament, each having lost a Ritual.

"In my report upon Inspections and Returns I have dwelt at some length upon this fact and speak here only of the legal aspect of the case. So far as I have been able to find from the reports of the Grand Commandery since this resolution was adopted, and the General Orders above referred to were issued, it seems that no attention has been paid to them, but in this I may, of course, be very seriously in error; however, I find by careful inquiry that several of these Rituals have been lost for several years, and that this Grand Commandery has established the precedent of installing the newly elected officers in these Commanderies *without* having the Rituals all at hand or properly accounted for.

"While I do not think that this is as it should be, I do not feel that it was incumbent upon me to summarily order all six of these Commanderies to defer the installation of officers until the missing Rituals were at hand. I therefore did not break but rather continued this illegal precedent of disregarding the standing resolution and duly approved orders of the Grand Encampment, and report the matter as it is with the recommendation that my decision be specifically disapproved and that this Grand Commandery at this time definitely determine whether it will longer continue to treat these enactments of the Grand Encampment as dead letters, or whether they will inform all the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction that hereafter, without any exception, the installation of officers will be conducted in strict accordance with the requirements of the Grand Encampment as herein cited."

At the close of the Grand Commander's Address, E. Sir Rev. Charles A. Lippincott, Grand Prelate, presented to the retiring Grand Commander a loving cup, and we excerpt from his words of presentation and the response of R. E. Sir Colman:

"Right Eminent Sir, the very able and exhaustive report which you have just read reflects only in part the very great labors in which you have been engaged during the past year, brings to the members of the Commandery, and as that work is brought very forcibly and distinctly to the minds and members of your staff, how great has been your interest, how very great your effort, and how holy has been your devotion to the members of this Grand Commandery and its constituent Bodies, especially during this last year, and not only during this last year, but during all the years in which you have been an officer of this Body — yes, during all the years in which you were a member and afterwards an officer in your local Commandery at Kalamazoo. They have been so greatly impressed by your zeal for this Order that we have felt that some recognition at this time was due to you of their appreciation of your loyal efforts on behalf of the Order. They have come to look to you as an example of all that is knightly, of all that is courteous, of all that is pure minded and lofty in Knight Templary. On their part they have received at your hands constantly the utmost consideration. They have by word and by letter, during this past year, had your own heart and your life and your motive revealed to them in a beautiful way, and they admire you, Sir, because you have so excellently exemplified the principles of this Grand Order, as our Grand Commander, so as to impress us all, the Grand Commandery and its constituent Bodies which have been honored with your visits during the past year. But, Right Eminent Sir, I think I am right in saying that they appreciate not only what you have done as an officer of the Grand Commandery, not only because you have striven to perform your duties, but, Sir, they have come to love you as a man, to know the warm heart that beats in your bosom and to feel that whatever you are as an officer of the Grand Commandery, they shall always love you as a friend and a brother, a fellow man.

"Without further remarks it gives me great pleasure to present to you this loving cup. You will remember, Sir, that upon one great occasion in the history of our Master and his disciples the cup was passed by the Master to his disciples, and, Sir, it was a loving cup. In that cup was not merely the

juice of the grape, but there lived a noble, great heart of the Prince of Peace passed to those whom he called to be men and servants. Sir, in some humbler way, yet with some of the inspiration of that hour and of that love which knows no bounds, the members of your staff would pass this cup to you.

"Many beautiful legends have been told of the search for the Holy Grail. Out of that traditional cup it is said wine was drunk at the last supper of our Lord and his disciples, but one of those beautiful traditions, it seems to me, the one truest to the spirit of the Master, is the one told by our poet Lowell, who tells how on one of the king's horses a Sir Knight passed out on his journey looking for the Grail which had been lost, how he traveled over mountains, over deserts and through sands searching for the Holy Grail, and finally he made his way backward with his head bowed down and his spirit discouraged, not knowing where to go in trace of the precious Grail. But it appears as he drew near there appeared to him the beggar by the wayside who asked for himself a cup of cold water, and dismounting he took his traveler's cup, filled it with cold water and presented it to this poor beggar, when lo, as he lifted the cup, it glowed like a thing of life, it shone like a sapphire of the New Jerusalem, it was the Holy Grail, the traditional cup of the Holy Grail.

"So, Sir, we feel that following in the footsteps of such a Knight, you too have found the Grail, and we present it to you filled with our love and admiration." (Applause.)

Grand Commander Colman:

"E. Sir Lippincott and Sir Knights of the Staff, you have me entirely at a disadvantage. This comes as an entire surprise. The emotions of my heart are so deeply stirred and are so well-nigh beyond my control that I can hardly find words even to thank you for this most beautiful and touching tribute. The words which you have seen fit, Reverend Sir, to use are so choice and so exceedingly beautiful, and really, away down here in mine own unworthy heart, I know so well how far short I fall of meriting this tribute, that really I am astounded and well-nigh confounded in endeavoring to respond.

"I can assure you one and all, officers of the staff, that the sentiments of this loving cup represent the loyal support and coöperation, and the hearty fellow feeling which are most abundantly reciprocated by its unworthy recipient. I would that under the blessing of Heaven to every one of you and to every officer and Sir Knight of our noble Order throughout

the length and breadth of our noble continent, knowing no boundary line between the Dominion of King Edward the Seventh and our proud Republic, the oldest daughter of England, the United States of America, I would that to every knightly heart under the sway of those who are with us here today, this tribute might be indeed to one and all the Holy Grail, the loving cup of our Divine Lord and Master, overflowing full with heavenly wine to warm the heart of immortal man, redeemed, uplifted, and made a part of the dear heart of our Blessed Lord and Master that broke but did not cease to beat on Calvary.

"Sir Knights, an additional thought is brought to my mind, wholly personal, perhaps very improper to mention, but this is the anniversary of my birth. Fifty-four years ago today God brought me into the world, and to think that on this fifty-fourth anniversary these most beautiful, touching tributes should be given to me, makes me still further indebted to my fellow men.

"Sir Knights, I cannot thank you enough. But while my memory lasts, it shall be true that nothing in the treasures of my heart will be more dearly cherished. And may God bless us all."

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the membership April, 1909, was 7,812, a net gain for the year of 288.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand of \$9,349.53.

The second day's proceedings were preceded by a parade, in which thirty-three Commanderies participated.

The volume contains the Report of the Special Committee on Necrology, which is an able and readable document and pays fitting tribute to the memory of the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The retiring Past Grand Commander Colman was presented with the regulation Past Grand Commander's jewel.

Past Commander George W. Chandler, Past Commander Charles T. Bigelow and Past Commander Porter were absent on account of illness and were kindly remembered by a box of flowers ordered to be sent to each.

The Report on Correspondence is by that distinguished Frater and able writer H. L. Anthony and occupies 128 pages of the Proceedings. It is his eleventh report, and like all others that

have been issued from his office, is an able and well written document, containing many bright sayings and suggestions, many of which we would like to quote did not space forbid. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is given three pages, and among other things he says that Grand Commander Litchfield's Address is a business document throughout, evidencing the fact that the duties of his office had received his careful attention. He also says that Grand Recorder Rowell's report is full and complete. He also gives us credit for our first Report, saying that it is an excellent one and expressing the hope that having engaged in the work and finding it congenial we would stay by it. I can assure our dear Frater that while the work is congenial the multitude of affairs that occupy my time make it quite a task. We note his conclusion in which he says it will probably be his last, which the writer sincerely hopes will not be. That he has faithfully endeavored to keep the flag of Templary well to the forefront of the line and present a truthful transcript of the Proceedings reviewed, has been evidenced by the many able and readable reviews that he has presented in the present and past and we excerpt from his conclusion:

"I thoroughly believe in the beauty and necessity for existence of the great and rapidly growing Order of modern Templary, and that it is destined in the future, even more than in the past, to be a powerful factor for the uplifting and betterment of men.

"I have at times differed with some of my Fraters of the 'Round Table' as to the construction of the meaning of the teachings of the Order, and have been charged with being unsound in my orthodoxy, but be that as it may, it was my honest conviction and as such must stand.

"It is a matter of pardonable pride and pleasure to remember that in all the years that I have been the author of these reports I have never been unkindly criticized for any utterance I may have made, but as a rule have had my sentiments heartily endorsed; especially is this true of my own Grand Commandery.

"As I look back over the years, I do not recall having written a line with the thought of being unkind, or with intent to wound the feelings of any one, hence I shall withdraw from the 'Corps Reportorial' with no thought for my brethren save that of the kindest and best, and trust that I have deserved and shall be accorded the same.

"And now, with warm wishes for the prosperity and lasting happiness of all my Fraters, and abounding affection for those I have learned to love, which will be as lasting as life, I must say farewell. God bless you, every one."

Sir Howard T. Taylor, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Henry L. Anthony, E. Grand Recorder.

E. Sir George T. Campbell, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Bar City, June 7, 1910.

MINNESOTA, 1909

The Forty-fourth Annual Conclave was held at Minneapolis, Minn., April 28, 1909. The volume opens with a splendid likeness of our own good friend Charles E. Ovenshire, Grand Commander. All the Grand Officers were present, except the Grand Prelate. Twenty-six constituent Commanderies were represented, and among the Grand Representatives present we note the name of E. Sir Alonzo T. Stebbins, Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Grand Commander's Address is a readable document and is a faithful exhibit of his stewardship during his incumbency of the office. His Dispensations were few in number and were all issued for constitutional purposes. He pays fitting tribute to the ability and worth of the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight John Fishel, saying, "He is truly the right man in the right place, always busy, yet always anxious to serve." Among his observations and experiences he says that some Fraternal organizations require all members to provide themselves promptly each year with a card showing that their dues are paid before they can visit, and in most cases before they can attend the meetings of their own body, and suggests that the adoption of a card system would greatly facilitate the collection of dues and at the same time stimulate greater interest in their Commandery and a better attendance at the Conclaves, as it is easier to pay one year's dues than several, and in many cases after a member

gets in arrears he hesitates to visit or even attend a Conclave in his own Commandery, thereby losing interest in the Order. Our own observation in other institutions compels us to heartily agree with the above suggestion.

From the Report of the Grand Recorder we find that the present membership is 3,934, a gain for the year of 226.

The Committee on Necrology render their Report, paying fitting tributes to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions, and we excerpt the following from their report:

GOING HOME

"'Heimgang'! so the German people
Whisper when they hear the bell
Tolling from some gray old steeple
Death's familiar tale to tell;
When they hear the organ dirges
Swelling out from chapel dome
And the singers chanting surges,
'Heimgang'! He is going home.

"'Heimgang'! Quaint and tender saying
In the grand old German tongue,
That has shaped Melanchthon's praying
And the hymns that Luther sung,
Blessed is our loving Maker
That where'er our feet shall roam
Still we journey toward God's acre —
'Heimgang'! Always going home.

"'Heimgang'! We are all so weary,
And the willows as they wave,
Softly sighing, sweetly dreary,
Woo us to the tranquil grave,
When the golden pitcher's broken,
With its dregs and with its foam,
And the tender words are spoken,
'Heimgang'! We are all going home."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is by E. Sir John Fishel. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is kindly remembered, in which he says that our review is a commendable one of forty-five Grand Jurisdictions.

The election of officers resulted in the election of
 R. E. Sir James R. Smith, Grand Commander.
 E. Sir John Fishel, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.
 The Forty-fifth Annual Conclave will be held in St. Paul,
 Wednesday, April 27, 1910.

MISSISSIPPI, 1909

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave was held in the Asylum of
 Cyrene Commandery, city of Meridian, Tuesday, May 25, 1909.

The volume opens with a Prologue and a portrait of R. E. Sir
 Garland D. Brown, the newly elected Grand Commander.

The Grand Commandery assembled in Masonic Temple on
 Monday evening, May 24, for the exemplification of the Templar
 Degree and that of Knight of Malta by Cyrene Commandery
 with full regalia and special music.

On Tuesday morning, May 25, at 10.00 o'clock exercises were
 held and addresses of welcome and other special features took
 place.

At 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon Grand Commandery met
 for business, all the Grand Officers being present, seven Past
 Grand Commanders and the Representatives of constituent
 Commanderies. Nineteen Representatives of sister Grand
 Jurisdictions were present, but we fail to find the name of the
 Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island among the
 number.

Immediately after the Report of the Committee on Creden-
 tials, R. E. Sir Joseph K. Orr, Grand Junior Warden of the
 Grand Encampment of the United States, and Representative
 of the M. E. Grand Master, was escorted into the Asylum by
 a committee of Past Grand Commanders and was received
 under the arch of steel and welcomed, after which he addressed
 Grand Commandery at some length, his remarks being gra-
 ciously received.

R. E. Grand Commander then assumed command of Grand
 Commandery and delivered his address, in which he states
 that during the past year the Commanderies in the Jurisdiction
 have been prosperous and have done much good throughout

the State. He paid a just tribute to the deceased Fraters of
 sister Jurisdictions, obituary notice of the dead of their own
 Jurisdiction being referred to a Committee on Necrology. We
 note many Dispensations granted to confer the Orders at stated
 Conclaves, from which we infer that they were for the purpose
 of balloting out of statutory time, and we note in the Report
 of the Committee on Laws that they report that the statutes
 of Grand Encampment should in every case be adhered to,
 and from these two we judge that our surmise is a correct one.
 He also refused two Dispensations to confer the Orders out of
 time. New Commanderies were constituted, New Albany, No.
 29, and Gloucester, No. 30; also petition was received for a new
 Commandery to be located at Canton. Balance of the address
 relates particularly to local affairs.

From the Report of the Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir Speed,
 we find that the membership is 1,623, a net gain for the year
 of 138.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows balance of cash on hand
 of \$3,290.47.

The Correspondence Report is from the pen of R. E. Sir
 E. G. DeLap, and contains much of interest and many good
 suggestions, with many of which we are in hearty accord.
 Frater DeLap is an interesting writer, and while many of his
 knocks and whacks are aimed at whoever he may think deserves
 them, they are void of any intention to belittle or to sting
 those at whom they are aimed. He commences his report with
 a Prologue and it is so good that it will bear reprinting.

"When a person writes a book, large or small, and gets
 down to '*Finis*,' he naturally supposes that the job is accom-
 plished, and that it is in order for him to take a rest, but in
 this he is badly fooled, as no sooner does the printer get hold
 of it then he raises a hue and cry for a preface, introduction,
 prologue or 'foreword' and one has to go to work again! It
 is a big job to construct one of our 'able reports,' and when
 you add to that the building of a prologue, containing something
 of interest to the reader, it is hard. While it is true that
 God made the universe out of nothing, it does not follow that
 one of his most unworthy and weakest creatures can create
 a prologue out of the same material. If there was anything

of an exciting or quarrelsome nature in the different pamphlets reviewed, the case would be different and the task an easy one. But there is not a ripple of unpleasantness among the craft, from Maine to the Rio Grande, or from the Lakes to the Gulf. Then again some reporters and others are of the opinion that the incumbent of this office is simply a machine, with no mind of his own, who does nothing but clip the deliverances of others on any and all subjects, and stops right there. We have been engaged in this reporter business for about thirty years, and up to this hour have taken our shillalah along with us, in our journey through the Proceedings, and whenever we saw a head bob up that we did not like the looks of, have given it a whack with the aforesaid shillalah; wherever we came across a decision, an act or an utterance that did not suit our ideas, we have taken issue with its author, and this, in our humble opinion, is within the province of a reporter, and we shall continue it while occupying a seat at the 'Round Table.' We haven't a great while longer to stay down here, our sun of life is approaching its western horizon with rapid strides, and it is our desire to continue to praise the right and condemn the wrong, as we have always tried to do in the past until the Master calls us to come up higher. We love the Orders of Knighthood, but we love the foundations on which they rest much more, and to the prosperity and growth of these two our most earnest and zealous efforts have always been directed and will continue to be. The enemies of these are our enemies, and while we are not at all sanguinary, nor fighting under the black flag, we are disposed to be very much in earnest in our warfare.

"We are not at all pleased with the prominence now so apparent in the side shows, both in the Church and the Orders, when these are considered by new recruits the only things of sufficient importance to engage their attention, all of which is bad. The Shrine is a sort of benediction for a tired, discouraged man, but its place in the economy of Frater life is not at the head of the procession, but simply a sort of 'Summer Resort,' playground to the university of fraternity, so that when a novice starts at the beginning of the road with a view to stopping off at Shrineville, it is a good thing to stop him at the very threshold. We said something along these lines in a former report, but it does not hurt to repeat it here and now.

"This is not much of a Prologue, and there isn't much in it besides words, but it will have to do."

Under Arizona, we quote the following:

"When God Almighty wraps up a parcel, its contents are clearly indicated by the color and other peculiarities of the wrapper, as in the case of the 'Naygur,' on whose behalf the redoubtable Arizonian has entered the lists. Well, well, Brother Morford, I never dispute with a man when he claims that a negro is as good as he is and shall not in this case. I am very sure that he is a heap better, so long as he keeps in the place his Maker put him and made him for, than lots and lots of whites that I have run across in my life."

The above sentiment fits our case exactly.

Under the head of Canada we note the following:

"A Templar who is non-affiliated in the Lodge don't often deserve Masonic honors of any sort. The Blue Lodge Ritual is good enough for a king or any of his subjects."

The writer has expressed his opinion before that a non-affiliated Mason or Templar, if the non-affiliation is his own voluntary act, deserves nothing of the Order. From his review of Florida we excerpt the following relative to the Order of the Crescent or Shrine:

"Simply because some little, five-cent-watermelon-headed dude applies to the Commandery, is elected and the Orders of Knighthood conferred upon him and then goes off and, by some hocus pocus, is elected in the Shrine and gets drunk at the banquet, makes a large sized fool of himself, disgraces his parents and everything he is connected with, the Grand Commander condemns an Order, good in itself and made up overwhelmingly of Christian gentlemen. The fault is, primarily, with the Blue Lodge, secondly of the Chapter, and third and lastly, of the Commandery, and Brother Wright ought to know it. Had he proved himself worthy in the three preceding stages he would not have fallen from grace at the Shrine banquet. The Shrine does not profess to be a reformatory, but it expects that the material furnished by the Commandery, out of which to make Shriners, is of such a nature that it is not needful to appoint guardians for them at a function such as this. Don't let such people pass your outer doors and there will be no more trouble about the Shrine's influence. Bosh! In this connection it is proper for us to remark that neither wine nor strong drink should be allowed at a Shrine

banquet or any other banquet that has any connection, near or remote, with Masonry. There are none of these adjuncts of hell allowed at the banquets of Hamasa Temple, of which I have the honor to be a member, and the same rule ought to apply at every Templar banquet. Let us clean up our own back yards before we pitch into the Shrine for doing what Templar Bodies have done for years and years. If Brother Wright is a Shriner he ought to be careful how he saddles the sins of others on the devoted head of that sublimely funny and especially worthy Order. If he is not a Shriner, he ought to quit speaking to a question, the true inwardness of which he knows nothing about."

He gives kindly mention of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to which he devotes six pages, in which he says our first report "is good enough for an old stager," for which your humble servant is duly grateful. He also remarks that we "did not put a tail to our kite," but having no apologies to make or advice to offer, we thought best to render the report for what it was worth. He excerpts largely from the Correspondence Report of our dear Frater Rugg, for 1907, and says that it digests faithfully and intelligently the matters of nearly the whole Templar field of literature, and he regrets very much the loss to the Order by his retirement from the field of labor and usefulness. I desire to say to my dear Frater DeLap that I heartily agree with him and trust that before many moons shall have passed Frater Rugg will again be in the harness as Correspondent for Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Sir Garland D. Brown, Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Frederic Speed, Grand Recorder.

Sir Enoch G. DeLap, Committee on Correspondence.

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave will be held at Biloxi, in April, 1910.

MISSOURI, 1909

The Forty-eighth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Carthage, Tuesday, May 25, 1909, at one o'clock in the afternoon, all the Grand Officers being present.

After ascertaining that a quorum was present, the Grand

Commander presented his Annual Address, which occupies fourteen pages of the Proceedings and is a concise and faithful exhibit of the transactions of his office during the year. His Decisions were few in number and in accordance with Templar law, and he concludes his Address by saying:

"I could reasonably be charged with ingratitude did I not express in some manner my appreciation of the kind and courteous service rendered on every demand by our Grand Recorder, and the wise counsel and advice which he is enabled to place at disposal when called upon. He has certainly been to me a good right hand in the discharge of my duties as your Grand Commander.

"Likewise I desire to acknowledge the many kindly courtesies extended by the associate Grand Officers and the Sir Knights generally whenever necessity required the effort.

"The labors of a Grand Commander are of a strenuous character, increasing year by year as the activities develop them, but they are pleasant and profitable when met by a prompt response in a locality where they may be directed."

From the Grand Treasurer's Report we find total receipts of \$10,147.82; balance on hand of \$7,248.94.

The Report of the Grand Recorder shows a membership of 5,962, a gain for the year of 122.

That the affairs of this Grand Body are in excellent condition is in evidence by the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, who report that nothing had been presented to them for consideration.

The Necrological Report is submitted by a committee appointed for that purpose and pays fit tribute to the Knightly dead of their own and sister Jurisdictions.

On petition for a new Commandery to be located at Excelsior Springs the Committee recommend that the petition be not granted.

The amendment to the Law of Grand Commandery to reduce the Grand Recorder's salary was defeated.

R. E. Sir Harvey was at the conclusion of the Conclave presented with the regulation jewel, provided for the outgoing Grand Commanders.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of R. E. Sir Robert F. Stevenson and is his third, containing a review of all the American Jurisdictions excepting New Mexico. We excerpt from his foreword:

"To be a beneficiary reviews must be made interesting and capable of holding the reader, hence the comments, quips and criticisms of the writers become, by far, the most available portions. To ignore them is to serve bones without meat. Nature constructs, with a view to her own universality, and it is good to imitate her. The stories grow in accord with the nutriment purveyed, and it is almost an impossibility to hold them within a prescribed limit or from stilted style.

"Endeavor has been constant to preserve an equilibrium without inertia and maintain the position to which Missouri is entitled in the galaxy."

The review is a very readable document and contains much of interest and would be enjoyed by all who take the time to read. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously mentioned and the volume of Proceedings called "one of the finest specimens of the printer's art and the arrangement with its compilation is not one whit behind the typographical expert in the race for merit."

Kindly mention is made of your Correspondent, for which we return our grateful acknowledgments.

Sir Arthur M. Hough, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Robert F. Stevenson, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave to be held in Hannibal, May 24 and 25, 1910.

MONTANA, 1907, 1908

The volume opens with a likeness of our dear friend J. Benton Leggat, Grand Commander, 1906-07.

The Twentieth Annual Conclave was opened in the city of Butte, September 16, 1907. Preliminary to the opening of the Grand Commandery, in accordance with the custom prevailing in that Jurisdiction, the officers and members attended divine

service at Mountain View Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday, September 15, 1907. They were escorted from the headquarters by the Sir Knights of Montana Commandery, No. 3. The sermon of the Grand Prelate was inspiring in its expression of what Templarism ought to mean to all Valiant and Magnanimous Soldiers of the Cross. The church was beautifully decorated with the banners and insignia of the Orders and the services were impressive and profitable.

On Monday, September 16, the Grand Commandery was opened with all the Grand Officers present with the exception of the Grand Recorder and Grand Sword Bearer. Ten of the twelve Commanderies were represented by officers or proxies.

Immediately following the Report of the Committee on Credentials the R. E. Grand Commander presented his Annual Address. From reading the same we are led to believe that the Jurisdiction is enjoying a season of prosperity and harmony. Among other things he says:

"It is indeed a sad duty that falls to me, to report the death on April 29 of our beloved Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir Cornelius Hedges. You all knew him well and words of mine could not express or extol his many virtues and noble qualities. He has been a member of this Grand Commandery since its organization in 1888, and was chosen its Grand Recorder at that time; he served continuously until 1896, when he was elected Grand Commander. He was again elected Grand Recorder in 1904, which office he filled until the time of his death.

"He prepared the Report on Fraternal Correspondence for the Grand Commandery from its organization, and gained a wide reputation, and a host of friends and admirers, from this source alone. I will refer your attention to the Memorial issued from this office on June 1 for his complete obituary.

"I have received several letters from other Grand Jurisdictions expressing their sympathy for our great loss, and the high esteem and warm regard they held for our distinguished Frater."

He also pays fitting tribute to the memory of the other deceased Fraters of his own Jurisdiction and a page is devoted to the departed Fraters of sister Grand Jurisdictions. He reports that no official decisions had been made during the year. His

Dispensations were few, among which we note several for balloting upon candidates under the statutory time. He also reports having visited the twelve Commanderies in the Jurisdiction, and in summarizing the result of same we excerpt the following:

"Sir Knights, in summarizing the condition of the subordinate Commanderies of this Jurisdiction, I am impressed with the importance of making these official inspections.

"I also want to impress upon the Commanderies that the practice of either continuing Past Commanders in office, or depending on them to fill in, is detrimental to progress."

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:

Sir Alexander D. MacDonald, Grand Commander.

Sir Joseph G. Hindson, Grand Recorder.

No report of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Twenty-first Annual Conclave was held in the city of Helena, Monday, September 14, 1908. Preliminary to the opening, divine services were held in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Sunday evening, September 13, 1908. The services were conducted by the E. Grand Prelate, Rev. Sir Frank B. Lewis, assisted by Rev. Sir Francis R. Bateman, and from Sir Bateman's sermon we excerpt the following:

"There is a courtesy, a consideration for others, an orderliness and a refinement which is not surpassed outside the Church and is unknown in the great majority of religious societies throughout the land. I may be wrong, but I greatly doubt that it is on record that a Knight Templar ever spoke rudely to the presiding officer, ever disputed his ruling, or refused to obey his order. On the other hand it is no secret that many a church meeting has been disgraced by violence in speech or action, and many a minister of religion has been insulted while in the performance of his most solemn functions. One reason is that these orders proceed ceremonially. Everything is done formally and ceremonially and everyone is so accustomed to that method of doing things that unbounded astonishment would arise if there were any considerable departure from it."

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"There are thousands upon thousands of men throughout this land who have received a culture, an orderliness and to some extent a reverence for things which nothing outside Masonic

societies can supply — nothing indeed except that true and inward illumination which comes from a deep and unaffected belief in the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Grand Commandery was duly opened on Monday, September 14, 1908, all the Grand Officers being present with the exception of the Grand Senior Warden. Eleven of the twelve Commanderies in the Jurisdiction were represented by officers or proxies. Immediately after the report of the Committee on Credentials is the Grand Commander's Address, which contains much of interest to that Jurisdiction. Dispensation was issued for a new Commandery at Glasgow under the name of Glasgow Commandery. One Dispensation was also issued to ballot upon petitions before the expiration of statutory time. Visitations were made to nearly all of the constituent Commanderies and he expresses his appreciation of the attentions that were liberally showered upon him as Grand Commander, saying that everywhere he was most hospitably entertained and made to feel not only a welcome guest, but thoroughly at home among his Fraters. Charter was granted to Glasgow Commandery, No. 13, situated at Glasgow, Mont.

The salary of the Grand Recorder was fixed at \$350.00.

No report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir Daniel McGaw, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Grand Recorder.

The Twenty-second Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Butte, Monday, September 13, 1909.

NEBRASKA, 1909

The volume, like all those that have preceded it, comes to us in its regulation form, being bound with board covers, and contains a Wilcox engraving of R. E. Sir James W. Maynard, Grand Commander, and an illuminated coat-of-arms of their Grand Commandery.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Conclave was opened in Masonic Temple, Omaha, on Tuesday, April 22, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present and Representatives of twenty-one of

the twenty-six chartered Commanderies. R. E. Sir Jehiel W. Chamberlin, Past Grand Commander of Minnesota and V. E. Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment, being present, was received with the honors due his exalted station and welcomed by the Grand Commander. V. E. Sir Knight Chamberlin addressed Grand Commandery, saying he did not come in an official capacity, but merely to continue the strong bond of friendship that had been formed during former visits to the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

After the appointment of special committees the Grand Commander delivered his address. It is purely a business paper and of much interest to the membership of that Grand Commandery. He granted four Dispensations to ballot without regard to time, and for doing so he says,

"The above Dispensations were granted in compliance with the law of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commander being present at regular meetings of the Commanderies and the usual fees were collected."

His Dispensations were few in number and were duly approved. Among his correspondence he reports letters from the M. E. Grand Master Henry W. Rugg, who as Representative of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska was requested to convey greetings to the Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He made but one decision and we excerpt that:

"But one question was submitted to me involving an interpretation of the law; and I decided that a petitioner who had been elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood several years ago, and had moved from the Jurisdiction of the Commandery that elected him, was no longer under the Jurisdiction of the Commandery."

Among his Recommendations we excerpt the following, which we heartily commend:

"That the Grand Recorder be prohibited from sending copies of our Proceedings to individuals unless requests for them come from the Grand Recorders of the Grand Jurisdictions where the applicants reside or hold their membership."

He deservedly commends the Grand Recorder in the following words:

"I am under the greatest obligation to that faithful and untiring worker, our Grand Recorder. His timely advice and assistance on many occasions have been invaluable to me. He is an encyclopedia on all matters pertaining to Masonry and is ready and willing to give such information when called upon. Any proper inquirer is always sure of a kind and courteous answer from him and his continuance as reviewer of other Grand Commanderies will be most creditable to this Jurisdiction."

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that there are 27 Chartered Commanderies; under Dispensation, 1; that the membership February 28, 1909, was 2,357, a net gain for the year of 33.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was submitted by R. E. Sir Francis E. White, and as usual is full of good things and much matter for consideration. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously favored with four pages, and in noting the matter in the Recommendations of our R. E. Grand Commander Litchfield relative to duplicate charters, he comments on the same as follows:

"We believe that the law of the Grand Encampment requires the Charter of a Commandery to be present at each and every Conclave held, and we do not understand that it recognizes such an article as a 'working copy.' The Grand Commandery of Maine, however, permits its Commanderies to meet under what it also styles a 'working copy.'"

And we wish to inform Frater White that the original charter of every Commandery in this Jurisdiction, where they hold duplicates, is always present in the Commanderies when they are opened for business. The duplicate is framed and hung on the wall. At the close of the meeting the original is taken back to its place of safe keeping. He calls our first Report on Correspondence "exceptionally good," for which he has our grateful acknowledgments, also for his extension of a hearty welcome to the Round Table.

Election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:

R. E. Sir Robert McConaughy, Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Francis E. White, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Kearney, April 7, 1910.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1908

The Sixty-first Annual Conclave was held in the city of Concord, September 29, 1908.

Prior to the opening of this Annual Conclave the Grand Commander announced that V. E. Sir Knight Fred C. Thayer, Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment and the official Representative of the Grand Master was in waiting in the anteroom, and an escort was formed consisting of all the Past Grand Commanders to conduct the distinguished visitor into the Asylum, where he was received between the lines and courteously greeted.

All of the Grand Officers were present with the exception of the Grand Captain General, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Captain of the Guard. Nine Past Grand Commanders were present, the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies and twenty-one Representatives of sister Grand Commanderies.

Immediately after opening Grand Commandery, V. E. Sir Knight Thayer being called upon delivered a very interesting and scholarly address, which was intelligently listened to by the Sir Knights present.

The Grand Commander's Address followed and it shows that the Jurisdiction is in good condition and that the duties of his office occupied much of his time during the year. He granted many Dispensations, most of which were in accordance with Templar law. In granting two Dispensations to ballot at Special Conclaves he says,

"In granting these last two Dispensations, I have been governed wholly by my own personal knowledge of the causes that prompted the petitions, and while I do not approve of the

practice of balloting upon petitions in less than statutory time, I considered these cases of sufficient importance to grant the requests."

He also pays fitting tribute to the worth and ability of Grand Recorder Woodbury for his "unfailing kindness, for the many courtesies rendered and for the prompt and satisfactory manner in which he discharged the duties assigned him by the Grand Commander." Certainly our dear friend Frank deserves all that could be said of him.

The Special Committee on Memorials presented fitting tributes to the memory of R. E. Sir Edward Richard Kent, R. E. Sir Daniel C. Roberts, E. Sir Charles Henry Sawyer and Sir Charles Hatch Long, which were duly received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals gave evidence that the Jurisdiction was in harmonious condition by reporting that nothing had been presented to them for consideration.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find the membership is 2,571, an increase for the year of 50.

The sum of \$800.00 was appropriated for expenses to be incurred at the Triennial Conclave of 1910, and recommended that the R. E. Grand Commander and V. E. Deputy Grand Commander be authorized to make all arrangements for the same.

The retiring Grand Commander, R. E. Sir William H. Thompson, was presented with the jewel of the Past Grand Commander.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Joseph E. Robbins, and is a clear, concise and readable report. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously reviewed, five pages being devoted to the same. We excerpt from his conclusion:

"As a pilgrim of the Temple, I have traveled far with pen in hand, sitting in my chair—north, south, east, west, over land and seas, here, there, everywhere. We have stopped at forty-five stations, spending a year in each of thirty-eight Jurisdictions, and two years in the other seven; missing two, we are sorry to say, Montana and South Carolina. To pass through all these in a few short months means 'rapid transit.'"

"We have kept our eyes wide open, and have felt the touch of forces unseen and indescribable. We have enjoyed these days immensely and believe we have been enlarged in mind and enriched in spirit through the medium of these fifty-two pamphlets. With all our pleasure in the work, we are glad to be through.

"Fraters, let us all Sir Knights join hands around the world in mutual helpfulness.

"The Order of the Temple has the mission of the stars that sang together in the morning of creation."

Sir Charles Fitch Batchelder, Grand Commander.

Sir Frank D. Woodbury, Grand Recorder.

Sir Joseph E. Robbins, Correspondent.

The Sixty-second Annual Conclave will be held in Concord, September 28, 1909.

NEW JERSEY, 1909

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave was held in the Asylum of Palestine Commandery, in Masonic Temple, Trenton, N.J., Tuesday, the 11th day of May, 1909, the Grand Commandery being opened in due form at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon. All the Grand Officers were present, sixteen Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of thirty sister Grand Commanderies, among whom we note R. E. Sir William H. Sebring, Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The first business in order was the Grand Commander's Address, in which he pays due respect to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. In speaking of the appointment of E. Sir John M. Wright as Grand Recorder, occasioned by the death of V. E. Sir Knight Redway, he says, "In this connection, I desire in justice to him to testify to his faithfulness in office, and his energy and promptness in the performance of every duty. I feel that the appointment was well deserved and worthily bestowed."

His Dispensations were many and were all in accordance with constitutional requirements. He made but one decision and we excerpt that:

"I have been called upon to render but one Decision on question of Templar law. A ruling was requested as to whether a black ball or a black cube, or rather which of them, should be used for the purpose of casting a negative ballot. The Statutes of the Grand Encampment nowhere mention black cubes; but Section 2, Title VII, does refer to the use of a black ball. It might be inferred from this that only a black ball could properly be used; but I am of the opinion that the use of the word in that connection has a more general meaning, and really implies the adverse ballot itself. My decision, therefore, was that either a ball or cube was permissible. I believe that the cube is preferable, as being less liable to be used unintentionally."

This decision having been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Committee reported the following, which was adopted:

"To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of New Jersey:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence approve of the Decision rendered by the R. E. Grand Commander, to the effect that, 'For the purpose of casting a negative ballot, it is permissible to use either a black ball or black cube.'

"Your Committee think that the black cube is preferable because one can depend upon the sense of touch and not of sight, and thereby make no mistake in selecting the desired ballot."

Among his Recommendations we excerpt the following:

"I recommend that some action be taken by this Grand Body looking to the safeguarding of the valuable records belonging to it, which are now stored on shelves of the Grand Lodge, with little or no protection against loss by fire. Such a loss, should one occur, would be little less than a calamity, as it would be next to impossible to replace the greater part of the accumulated records. I believe that sufficient space for a box could be secured in a safe deposit vault, at little or no additional expense above that now incurred, and suggest that the Grand Recorder be authorized to make such an arrangement if it is feasible."

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the present membership is 3,097, an increase for the year of 58.

The Report on Correspondence is by E. Sirs Peter McGill and John J. Henry, and occupies 155 pages of the Proceedings. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is given courteous mention, two pages being devoted to same, and we excerpt the following, assuring our dear Frater McGill that we acknowledge the correction and will govern ourselves accordingly in future:

"Grand Recorder Rowell's report was the first order of business after the Report of the Committee on Credentials. Frater Rowell is exceptionally gifted in his ability to write perfect papers of this kind. Now, if he will make two corrections, his paper will be perfect so far as we can see it. The first inaccuracy is the date of the election of E. Sir John M. Wright, New Jersey's Grand Recorder. This officer was never elected, being appointed by R. E. Sir John B. Bertholf to fill the unexpired year of the late V. E. Sir Thomas H. R. Redway, elected in May, 1908, and deceased August 29, 1908. The second is the present address of the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. It should be and has been Bound Brook, N.J., for the last two years."

Frater McGill has our grateful thanks for his kindly mention of ourselves in his Conclusion.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Sir Charles A. Mohn, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir John M. Wright, E. Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Peter McGill, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave to be held in Trenton, Tuesday, the 10th of May, 1910.

NEW YORK, 1908

A splendid volume and a credit to Grand Recorder Bonnington. The volume opens with a Bather portrait of R. E. Sir Herman R. Kretschmar, Grand Commander.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Niagara Falls, September 1 and 2, 1908, all the Grand Officers being present, fourteen Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

The session was opened in prayer by Sir Knight and Rev. Warren C. Hubbard, Grand Prelate. Welcome was extended to Grand Commandery by Sir Knight Allen H. G. Hardwicke, the Acting Mayor of the city of Niagara Falls, which was responded to by the Grand Commander.

A reception to the distinguished visitors followed, among whom were Sir Knight S. Nelson Sawyer, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, also Ill. Bro. William Homan, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction United States, and Deputy of the Supreme Council in the State of New York. Sir Knight Arthur MacArthur, V. E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, was also introduced and welcomed, as was also Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Regrets were also read from Sir Knight A. A. Campbell, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and M. E. Grand Master, Henry W. Rugg, who were unable to be present. A long list of greetings and regrets from distinguished Fraters who were unable to be present follows.

The Grand Commander then delivered his Address, which occupies twenty-six pages of the Proceedings, and is an able and comprehensive review of his stewardship during his incumbency of the office. Among other things he states that he has been called upon to render but two Decisions, and that no grievances had been presented, that it had been his highest ambition and purpose to conduct the affairs of the Order with the view to elevate to a still higher place its moral, spiritual and social aspect, to establish more firmly in the mind of the community that we are in the strictest appellation of the term an organization composed of valiant and Christian men, in whom all reliance and confidence could be safely imposed. Under the head of "Officers," we consider the following worthy of consideration:

"A question that arises is whether Commanders are not being created too rapidly? Would it not be more beneficial to the Order to increase the tenure of office for a term longer than one year? Would not Commanders render more efficient service by that means?"

"A Commander does not as a rule become familiar with the duties of his office until nearly the expiration of his term and, therefore, cannot exercise that degree of efficiency that a longer term would insure.

"Of course, a proposition of this nature does not appeal to those in the line of promotion, because promotion at best is slow, and the adoption of any measure by which the tenure of office of the Commander is extended retards their advance proportionately.

"But aside from this phase of the question, let us look at the National and State service and acquaint ourselves with the slowness of promotion there, and it will be observed that officers hold a grade for many years before any promotion reaches them, but in the meantime the service is being benefited and the officers themselves are growing in proficiency and knowledge and are gradually preparing themselves for higher honors and greater responsibilities, so that when the advance does come they are thoroughly equipped to step into the new positions and discharge the functions of their offices with aptitude and dexterity.

"One great danger that should be resisted is the procurement by those whose eagerness to get position of high rank which they are wholly incompetent to bear.

"They eagerly grasp at responsible office when they are utterly without the training necessary to the proper performance of their duties, yet lack qualifications requisite for official rank.

"The aggressive man is always unpopular because he sacrifices all else for duty. The negative man seeks popularity through inaction, but falls short because of his inactivity. The man who is chosen to an executive position and fails to perform fearlessly the duties with which he is charged is worse than despicable. The amiable officer is to be deplored, because of his worthlessness. Disciplined inaction, and to remain in a wise and masterly inactivity, is sometimes the highest discharge of duty, but rank inaction through fear of displeasing or not fulfilling the requirements which duty calls for is baneful and disquieting.

"We are adopting a course of enlightenment throughout the Order as a Body and of the individuals with the view to educating to a more lofty interpretation of the tenets of the Ritual and to having them look upon the requirements of life in a more practical way.

"Against the practices of the past we should set our faces with grim determination and embark on new methods for the

culmination of loftier ideals. We should believe in evolving from the archaic to the modern. We are in need of a strong, courageous spirit of restraint to resist restlessness and to substitute in its stead a more quieting and refining influence in all our relations."

His Dispensations were many in number, which naturally follows from this great Jurisdiction, and were all granted for Constitutional cause.

Under the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the membership at that date was 19,122, a gain for the year of 749.

The Grand Treasurer quoted a balance on hand of \$26,903.55. The Report on Necrology is from the pen of Sir Knight Rev. Warren C. Hubbard, Chairman of the Committee, who eloquently pays fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

A request for a Dispensation to establish a Commandery at Sandy Hill, N.Y., was referred to the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations.

A fitting testimonial was voted for Sir Knight Herman R. Kretschmar on motion of Sir Adelbert P. Knapp, and it was

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Commandery, in recognition of the fact that the term of office of Sir Knight Herman R. Kretschmar has come to an honorable termination, and as an evidence of sincere appreciation of the knightly and able manner in which he has fulfilled all the duties of his office, do authorize the Committee on Testimonial to prepare a suitable testimonial of our esteem and recognition of his services to the Grand Commandery, and that \$250 be appropriated for the same."

His associate Grand Officers further complimented him by presenting him with a handsome loving cup.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Knight John W. Jenkins, Chairman, and occupies 167 pages, being up to his usual standard of excellence in all that emanates from this Grand Jurisdiction. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is given six pages of kindly mention. Sir Jenkins has our warmest acknowledgments for his hearty greeting and well wishes for

our entrance among the "Knights of the Round Table." We excerpt the following from among the many good things in his conclusion, with the assurance that the same meets our hearty approval:

"The sentiment against the issuance of Dispensations to ballot short of statutory time is growing, and this is really a betterment of some importance, as it argues well for the future of the Order. It will be conceded by all that we cannot be too careful in investigating those who petition us for the Orders, and anything that tends to make us careless in this regard is to be deprecated. The custom that obtains in some Jurisdictions of rushing candidates from Chapter to Commandery with undue haste, tends not only to cheapen membership in the Order, but prevents that thorough and indispensable examination into the qualifications of those seeking admission in our Asylums."

Sir Edwin B. Anderson, Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Bonnington, Grand Recorder.

Sir John W. Jenkins, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Ninety-sixth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Syracuse, June 15, 1909.

NEW YORK, 1909

The Ninety-sixth Annual Conclave, held in the City of Syracuse, June 15 and 16, 1909.

The volume opens with a Bather portrait of Edwin B. Anderson, Grand Commander. Grand Commandery was called to order by the Acting Grand Captain General. The Rt.:Em.:Grand Commander and associate Grand Officers were announced, received and escorted to their stations. At roll-call there were found to be present all the Grand Officers excepting the Grand Captain General, who was absent on account of sickness, thirteen Past Grand Commanders, one Past Grand Treasurer and the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

After prayer by the Grand Prelate, Rev. Warren C. Hubbard, proclamation was made and Grand Commandery duly opened.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Conclave was dispensed with.

A welcome address was made by Sir Knight George C. Hanford, Past Commander of Central City Commandery, who extended in behalf of that Commandery a cordial welcome to the Grand Commandery and the accompanying Sir Knights, to which the Rt.:Em.:Grand Commander responded. Addresses were also made by the Hon. Alan C. Fobes, Mayor of the city. Many distinguished visitors being present were received and welcomed, among whom was V.:E.:Sir Arthur MacArthur, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Sixteen Grand Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions were present, among whom we fail to find the Representative for Massachusetts and Rhode Island. A long list of regrets of those who had been invited and were unable to attend were read and made a matter of record. After the appointment of the routine committees, the Grand Commander read his Address and we excerpt from the same:

"Conditions which affected the entire country have had a radiating influence to reduce the natural percentage of new membership, and, while showing no marked increase in the same, we have clearly and safely held our own, and in all things which tend to aid our standing among those from whom additions mostly come, we can certainly claim progress in the full ratio of previous years. Yet, as there would be but scant excuse if this were not true, it may not be amiss to remember that there is quite often room for improvement and toward that end earnestly strive."

An act of incorporation of the Grand Commandery was read by the Rt.:Em.:Grand Commander. Many Dispensations were granted, all for Constitutional purposes.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find the number of enrolled Commanderies is 68. The number of extinct Commanderies, 6. Under Dispensation, 1. Number of Commanderies making returns, 62. Number of working Commanderies, 62. Number present at this Conclave, 62. Present membership is 19,730, or a net gain for the year of

606. The largest Commandery in the State is Palestine, No. 18, in New York City, with membership of 900.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a total of cash on hand, \$37,767.19.

The Report on Necrology was read by Sir Knight Rev. Warren C. Hubbard, who pays fitting tribute to the Fraternal dead of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Request for Dispensation for a new Commandery, to be located at Sandy Hill, N.Y., was presented and later in the session granted. Also request for Dispensation for a Commandery to be located at Walton, Delaware County, N.Y., was received and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, and laid over until the next Annual Session.

Resolution was adopted that the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer be bonded in the sum of \$10,000 each, the same to be paid for by Grand Commandery.

Testimonial was presented to Rt. Em. Sir Edwin B. Anderson, in recognition of his faithful services as Grand Commander during the year. Also a loving cup, a gift from his associate Grand Officers.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Rt. Em. Sir John W. Jenkins, chairman, who reviews twenty-five sister Grand Jurisdictions, the Proceedings of the balance of the Grand Jurisdictions having failed to reach him. The Report is a very readable document and fully up to the standard of those previously issued. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is given four pages, and he says of Grand Commander Litchfield's Report that it is a faithful account of his official deeds, and is an excellent one, and his Decisions were based on sound law and judgment. He says some kind things about your Correspondent, which are gratefully appreciated.

Sir Knight Edwin C. Hall, Rt. Em. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight John H. Bonnington, Em. Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight John W. Jenkins, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Ninety-seventh Annual Conclave will be held in the City of Buffalo, June 21, 1910.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1909

The Twenty-ninth Annual Conclave was held in Winston, N.C., May 12 and 13, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present with the exception of the Grand Prelate and Grand Sentinel. Eight Past Grand Commanders were present and the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies, also twenty-three Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find Sir James K. Norfleet, Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The first business after the Report of the Committee on Credentials is the Address of the Grand Commander. Referring to the inspection system by the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin he quotes:

"Ten years ago the Commanderies were doing the work in a more or less hit or miss manner. There was small interest and but slight effort made to improve the character of the work. Such a thing as uniformity throughout the Jurisdiction was unknown. Today there is a splendid spirit everywhere manifest, friendly rivalry exists between the Commanderies adjacently situated, and the work has attained a degree of perfection and uniformity that would have been regarded as impossible of attainment at that time. As the result of these inspections all of the Masonic Bodies have profited immensely."

His Dispensations were few and were granted for Constitutional cause. Among the Dispensations refused we excerpt the following:

"I received a request dated March 29, 1909, from Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, for a Dispensation to hold their stated Conclave on April 20, instead of April 22, the latter date being the time provided by their By-Laws for the stated Conclave, the reason being given that two Companions were desirous of obtaining the Orders in time to submit their petitions to the Shrine which met on April 22.

"I replied that I knew of no possible way by which the Grand Commander could make a stated Conclave out of a special Conclave and that a Conclave held on any other date in April but the 22d would be a special Conclave. I also called attention to Article 4, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Grand

Encampment which provides that petitions for the Orders can only be received and acted on at stated Conclaves, and that the Committee on Jurisprudence at the last Grand Encampment had approved Decision 12 of the Grand Master which said 'No one has the power to set aside the Statutes of the Grand Encampment by Dispensation.'"

From the Report of the Grand Treasurer we find that the receipts were \$2,589.80; amount paid during the year, \$1,365.52, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,224.28.

The Grand Recorder's Report shows the present membership as 1,075, a net gain for the year of 63.

That the affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction are in good condition is evidenced by the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who state they are pleased to report that peace and good will throughout the Grand Jurisdiction prevail, nothing having come up claiming their attention.

The Report on Correspondence is by E. Sir James Southgate. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously mentioned, he calling the Address of Grand Commander Litchfield a well-written document. He kindly refers to our own Report, and says it is a good one, for which he has our heartfelt thanks. We excerpt the following from his conclusion:

"We have made another journey over the field of Templary, arriving in Wyoming in pretty fair plight for an old man, lame of one foot. We note with pleasure the motto of the Order is still 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' and the advance made all along the line is encouraging and we are looking for still greater achievement as the years go by, and we trust that hand in hand with the Church of the living God we will continue to go forward, conquering and to conquer, until the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ."

R. E. Sir William Anderson, Grand Commander.

E. Sir James C. Munds, Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir James Southgate, Committee on Correspondence.

The Thirtieth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Salisbury, commencing Wednesday evening, May 11, 1910.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1909

The Twentieth Annual Conclave, held at Fargo, N.D., April 20 and 21, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present, seven Past Grand Commanders and twenty-eight Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find E. Sir Arthur G. Lewis, Representative for Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The first business in order was the Report of the Committee on Credentials which was followed by the reception of V. E. Sir Jehiel W. Chamberlin, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment, who was announced in waiting. An escort was formed and he was officially received with the honors due his exalted position.

The Address of the Grand Commander then followed. Among other things he says that the Grand Commandery of North Dakota was formed in June, 1890, with a membership of 180 Sir Knights, and so is now entering upon the twentieth year of its existence and now consists of 13 Commanderies with a membership of 1,098 Sir Knights. He states this is an encouraging record and one that will surely stimulate them to even more earnest endeavors in the years to come. He reports the constitution of Lorraine Commandery, No. 13, at Bottineau. His Dispensations were few in number and were all in accordance with Constitutional law.

The Grand Recorder's Report then followed and is an original document. We quote from the same:

"To the Grand Commandery K. T. of North Dakota:

"If Hannibal, in the year 216 B.C., after he had almost totally destroyed the Roman army, in that great battle on the banks of the Aufidus, had heeded the advice of Maharbal, his general, and advanced to Rome, he would have taken that city, and the history of nations, and of this civilization, would have been changed. Whether for better or for worse, no one knows; but the ambitions of Hannibal, had he not failed to see this opportunity, would have been consummated. Most of us are purblind and myopic, and we fail to see the opportunities which are let down like ladders by the fates of life for men to climb upward; and then we travel the level of monotony to that little hole some one has dug for us to rest in.

"In this Order of ours, which is made up of the flower of

Masons, how many of us grasp the ladder of opportunity with a realizing grip, and climb into the really beautiful heights of all that is best and noblest in those with whom we fraternize. They are not big opportunities on which men can mount to fame or fortune, but they are opportunities which are better than fame or fortune; for these are but cold and inanimate things, and, when attained, have lost that glitter which distance falsely gave.

"Too many of us are content with the surface of things, and seem not to realize that we are tramping always in the dust of the weaknesses, and frailties, and foibles of our companions; and for some reason do not see that beyond is a height of sunshine. All men have some phase in their character which is beyond all this dust, and if we but rise to it, we find it sweet and fresh as the morning air. We simply let opportunities go for getting the best out of one another, of finding the good that is in others.

"I sometimes ask myself, why are we so prone to look upon the plume, the uniform, the gilded sword, the ceremonies, and think we see the soul of Templarism? To me these are but the skeletal forms that bind and hold us in ways apart from the crowd; yet for the soul, we must enter in and find the sanctuary in which the hidden man resides, and there, in this Holy of Holies, receive the interpretation of things we have passed through, and have revealed the inner mystery for which we are banded together. May we not all try, even if it be but for the coming year, to climb out of the routine of form and ceremony, and mount higher to that truer and better life which lies somewhere in every man's being."

We find by his Report that the total membership is now 1083.

The Report also contains fitting remembrance of the Fraternal dead of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Triennial Committee made report that a contract had been signed for rooms in the Auditorium Annex in Chicago, to be occupied by the Grand Commandery during the next Triennial Conclave.

Telegrams of sympathy and condolence were forwarded to Sir Knight Harry S. Oliver, of Ivanhoe Commandery, also a floral offering.

Owing to the Grand Treasurer having died during his term of office and no successor having been appointed, no Report was at hand.

Under the head of "Episode," we note that the attendance on the Grand Conclave was the largest ever held in the State, doubtless largely due to the fact that the meeting was held at the time of year when the people are coming out of the hibernation of the winter.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

DeWitt C. Moore, R. E. Grand Commander.

Frank J. Thompson, E. Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Conclave to be held at Grand Forks, April, 1910.

OHIO, 1908

The Sixty-sixth Annual Conclave, held at Cincinnati, October 13 and 14, 1908.

The volume opens with a splendid portrait of R. E. Sir R. R. Rickly, Grand Commander. The volume corresponds in size and appearance with that Grand Jurisdiction and consists of over three hundred pages filled with statistical tables, obituary notices and correspondence.

All the Grand Officers were present, there being preliminary exercises consisting of an organ recital, invocation, solo, "The Knight's Quest," dedicated to R. E. Sir Knight William B. Melish, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and welcoming Addresses by R. E. Sir Knight William B. Melish and the Mayor of Cincinnati. Response was made by the R. E. Grand Commander. Many distinguished visitors were present including V. E. Sir Joseph K. Orr, Grand Junior Warden; V. E. Sir John A. Gerow, Grand Recorder, and M. E. Sir Knight Warren LaRue Thomas, Past Grand Master, all members of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Commanderies of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana were represented by Grand Officers from these bodies. Letter of regret was received from M. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Grand Master, and from V. E. Sir Arthur MacArthur, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment. The Representatives of thirty-four sister Grand Jurisdictions were also present, among whom we find the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and our own dear friend Sir Knight Levi C. Goodale.

The Annual Address of Grand Commander Rickly is a splendid document, detailing as it does all the transactions of his office during the year, and we excerpt from his opening:

"The splendid harmony and healthful growth of Symbolic Masonry during the last hundred years has also made possible the increase in Templar Masonry during the sixty-five years of the existence of this Grand Commandery, from a few scattered Sir Knights to its present proud constituency of sixty-three flourishing subordinate Commanderies, carrying on their rolls an army of 14,000 valiant Christian soldiers in good and regular standing.

"It is not for me at this time to even touch upon the influence which this vast multitude should and does exert upon the citizenship of our State. I must be content to give a brief review of my official acts. This has been a year of harmonious growth and quiet prosperity, and the office of Grand Commander has approached the happy condition of a dignified sinecure."

His Dispensations and Decisions were all in accordance with Templar law and were all duly approved. The report of the Inspections of Commanderies is most full and complete of any that comes under our notice, each inspecting officer reporting in detail the affairs and condition of the several Commanderies in the Jurisdiction, giving an accurate report of the condition of each Commandery.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the membership July 31, 1908, is 13,896, a net gain for the year of 619.

The volume contains obituaries upon the deceased Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions, many memorial pages being devoted to the same.

The report on Templar Correspondence is from the pen of R. A. Sir John N. Bell, and is his tenth annual. It comprises 144 pages and shows evidence of much research and labor. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is given a courteous review of five pages.

R. E. Sir Edmund B. King, Grand Commander.

E. Sir John N. Bell, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

Next Annual Conclave in the city of Marion, October 13, 1909.

OKLAHOMA, 1909

The fourteenth Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of Oklahoma was held in Oklahoma City the 16th day of February, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present, and the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies with the exception of Nos. 4, 8, 14, 15 and 17; twelve Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of sixteen sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Immediately following the Report of the Committee on Credentials comes the Address of the Grand Commander. The Report contains the Correspondence in full, relative to the merging of the Grand Commanderies of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. At a meeting of the Grand Commandery of Indian Territory at Purcell, Okla., M. E. Grand Master Rugg being present, after considerable discussion a vote was taken to determine whether or not the Grand Commandery would yield its Jurisdiction to the new Grand Commandery being formed and known as the Grand Commandery of the State of Oklahoma. The large minority voting for the opposition was a surprise to the Grand Commander and also M. E. Grand Master Rugg. The minority was sufficiently strong to lead Grand Master Rugg to believe that some friction might be induced if the union occurred at that time, and further action in the matter was dropped for the present.

His Dispensations and Decisions were few and were duly approved. That the condition of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma is excellent is proved by the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who reported that owing to the perfect harmony prevailing throughout the Jurisdiction, no grievances were had or appeals asked for.

The report of the Committee on Necrology pays fitting tribute to the honored dead of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Recorder's Report shows that the membership January, 1909, was 1,009, an increase for the year of 90.

The Report on Correspondence was submitted by E. Sir Walter C. Pierce, 89 pages being devoted to the same. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously reviewed, three pages being devoted to same.

Sir J. C. Fleming, Grand Commander.

Sir George W. Spencer, Grand Recorder.

Sir Walter C. Pierce, Correspondent.

The Fifteenth Annual Conclave to be held in Oklahoma City, February 22, 1910.

OREGON, 1908

The Twenty-second Annual Conclave was held at Grants Pass, September 24, 1908, and was one of the largest, most enjoyable and instructive ever held in the city.

The Constitutional number of Representatives being present, the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Frank J. Miller, assisted by the Grand Officers present, opened the Conclave in ample form, the Sir Knights being led in their devotion by the Grand Prelate E. Sir William E. Grace. All the Grand Officers were present.

The Grand Commander's Address followed, and we excerpt from it the following:

"The year just passed has been eventful and successful. We have added three new Commanderies to our number, and they are now here asking you to grant them Charters and admit them into full fellowship with us. These three new Commanderies make an increase of thirty per cent in our number during the year, there being at present ten chartered Commanderies and three working under Dispensation. At the beginning of the last Templar year we had a membership of 969. According to this year's official reports, our membership is 1,074, a net gain of 105, or an increase of a little more than ten per cent."

A fitting tribute is paid to the Knightly dead of his own and sister Jurisdictions, and in referring to the departed Sir Knights, he says:

"Time knows no sleep or weariness and no chain can bind it; while the husbandman waiteth for the harvest, Death claims all seasons and time for his own. These brethren have gone over to the silent majority; gone to learn for themselves the mysteries that are beyond the veil, where we know they will be received into that Asylum presided over by the Grand Master, of whose handiwork the universe is witness and the shining

stars examples. The earthly record of these Sir Knights is complete, and as faithful Christian warriors, who loved the right and despised the evil, we have full confidence to believe that they are now at rest in 'That house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

Petitions were received for a new Commandery to be located at Astoria to be called St. Aldemar Commandery. His Dispensations were few and in reporting the same he says, "I have refused several requests to receive and ballot on petitions at Special Conclaves," also that he is opposed to granting Dispensations to receive and ballot upon petitions in less than statutory time, except in cases of absolute necessity, and he has steadfastly refused such requests where the reasons given did not appear to be those of actual necessity. His Decisions were few and were made in accordance with Templar law.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find the membership is 1,074, a net gain for the year of 105.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir J. M. Hodson, and occupies 99 pages of the Proceedings. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is given two pages of courteous review, and of the same he says:

"Again the splendid volume from this Grand Jurisdiction enlightens our sanctum, and when we say enlightens, we understand the full meaning of the term, for that is just what it does. How could it be otherwise? We esteem the Masonic fraternity high above all human organizations, and, with all the faults of its members, the fittest to survive. Of that great aggregation of intelligence and good principles the cream has naturally come to the top, and of all the Grand Commanderies, none excels this proud old combination of good sense and culture. Sometimes we have thought they bank on those points too much, but the facts are, no matter from what quarter they are considered, they make good every time, and it is a pleasure to acknowledge it."

And he records the following relative to our former Correspondent, M. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg:

"Sir Knight Henry W. Rugg, who is now our M. E. Grand Master, is the author of 138 pages of correspondence. It is

the best of his many successes, a fitting finish for a brilliant career, as we presume, knowing his election at Saratoga was sure, he desired to make his last his best. Oregon for 1906 has courteous treatment.

"He comprehended precisely our thought when that little four-line stanza came flitting as it were through our mind. If his eye catches this Report he will find in simplest prose exactly what we think about the Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He terms our Report 'unique,' and quotes liberally. We hope it brought a pleasant hour, as we could scarcely presume to attempt to instruct. He writes his valedictory in his conclusion, though we hope when his three years of 'warfare' are over that we may be favored with 'deeds of more exalted usefulness,' if that be possible."

Sir Albert M. Knapp, Grand Commander.

Sir James F. Robinson, Grand Recorder.

Sir J. M. Hodson, Correspondent.

The Twenty-third Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Baker City, the fourth Thursday in September, 1909.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1909.

The volume of Proceedings of this splendid Jurisdiction is prefaced with a likeness of R. E. Sir William J. Milligan, Grand Commander. The Fifty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, May 25 and 26, 1909.

The first business was the Address by Bro. John E. Reyburn, Mayor of the city, which was responded to by R. E. Sir George S. Graham, Past Grand Commander. Both the address and response are replete with words that were listened to and enjoyed by all present. Among other things R. E. Sir George S. Graham said:

"There is no fraternal organization among men which stands for higher or better things than the one you have welcomed within the gates of your city. Today, as the marching hosts passed along in their splendid equipment and fine formations, and the applause of the people, flying flags and decorations greeted the marchers, we had a fitting forecast and prelude to

your more formal and stately welcome. We believe that the visit of the Templars to a community brings both pleasure and blessing."

From his conclusion we excerpt as follows:

"While the spirit of our Order will teach in every asylum the fraternity of man; the duty of unobtrusive charity; the defence of the innocent and the protection of the unprotected along with the maintenance of the Christian religion. To these sublime teachings and duties every man is pledged, and in defence of these every sword shall be drawn. These are the things, honored Sir, for which this body, the greatest Grand Commandery in the world, does, and shall, forever stand. To you Sir, as the honored chief executive, we return heartfelt thanks, and through you, to the citizens of this typical American city, who greeted us so cordially on the streets to-day, we would convey the wish of every one of our hearts, paraphrasing the words of David to his beloved City:

"Peace be within thy boundaries,
And prosperity within thy multitude of homes."

The Grand Commandery was then opened, all the Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Commanders, the Representatives of thirty-two sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find M. E. Sir John S. Gobin, Representative for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and Representatives of eighty constituent Commanderies present. Among the distinguished visitors were V. E. Sir Lee S. Smith, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and M. E. Sir John P. S. Gobin, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and many other distinguished and prominent members of the Order, all of whom were received and welcomed according to the honors due them.

The Grand Commander then presented his Report, which was referred to the Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers. That the affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction were in good hands is evidenced by the report which, from the reading of same, shows his zeal and fidelity to the cause and his devotion to the affairs of his office, which were carefully and

fully attended to. His decisions were all made in accordance with Constitutional law, as also were his Decisions, and none of them were for balloting upon candidates out of statutory time. He made many visitations to the constituent bodies during the year, all of which were fully reported.

The Grand Treasurer reports that the receipts were \$22,138.76, the disbursements, \$13,727.94, leaving a balance on hand of \$8,410.82.

The Grand Recorder's Report occupies five pages of the Proceedings and is an able and interesting document. We find from this report the number of Commanderies in the Jurisdiction is 83. The present membership is 20,427, a gain of 876 for the year. Application for charter for a new Commandery to be located in the town of Butler was received and referred.

Resolution was presented that the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Pennsylvania, in Annual Conclave assembled, courteously request, through the M.:E.:Grand Master, the Committee on Jurisprudence now at work on the Revision of the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment to recommend such a change in the Laws as will permit the withdrawal of a first petition (and without ballot) upon a favorable report of the Committee of Inquiry.

The second day's Proceedings were opened with the communication from the M.:E.:Grand Master relating to the death of M.:E.:Past Grand Master Hugh McCurdy and M.:E.:Sir Reuben H. Lloyd. The annual election of officers was held. Grand Commandery then adjourned to meet at 8.00 o'clock, for the purpose of installing the officers elected.

Grand Commandery assembled at 8.00 o'clock in the evening at the American Academy of Music, where the newly elected officers were installed in the presence of a large number of Knights and ladies, and a most excellent program was observed. The Grand Commander made a splendid address, which is printed in full in the proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is from our good Frater, R.:E.:Sir Lee S. Smith, and is of a kind that it is a pleasure to read. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is given two pages,

in which he says kind words of ourselves, for which he has our most grateful thanks.

R.:E.:Sir Abram Hess, Grand Commander.

R.:E.:Sir William W. Allen, Grand Recorder.

R.:E.:Sir Lee S. Smith, Correspondent.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Conclave will be held in the city of Lancaster, in May, 1910.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1907 AND 1908

Special Session at Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, August 19, 1907, was held for the purpose of instituting a Commandery under the Charter granted by Grand Encampment on March 25, 1907, R.:E.:Sir William B. Melish, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, being present for that purpose. The ceremony of constitution having been performed, the Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of South Carolina duly and legally constituted, after which the election and installation of the officers took place. Sir Jacob T. Barron elected Grand Commander, and Sir John M. Diven, Grand Recorder, the officers being installed by R.:E.:Sir William B. Melish.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned to meet in the city of Charleston on the second Tuesday in February, 1908.

The Second Annual Conclave was held in the city of Charleston, S.C., February 12, 1908, as per resolution at the Special Conclave; all the Grand Officers being present, and the Representatives of seven constituent Commanderies.

Grand Commander Barron then read his Annual Address, in which he states that he is gratified to be able to report that Templary in South Carolina compares most favorably with older Jurisdictions, and the banner is already in the front rank. Harmony, Templar spirit and enthusiasm distinguish the constituent Commanderies and the outlook is most encouraging.

The Grand Recorder's report shows a membership of 1,002, a net gain of 137.

One of the pleasing incidents of the session was the presentation by V.:E.:Sir Joseph K. Orr of a Grand Standard to the

Grand Commandery, the presentation speech, in the absence of Sir Knight Orr, being made by the Grand Commander.

The Committee on Necrology made an able report, giving due remembrance to departed Sir Knights of sister Jurisdictions.

The Report on Correspondence is from Sir John M. Diven, Grand Recorder, and his work shows that the right man was selected for the place. Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island he gives the Grand Recorder kindly mention, calling his Report most elaborate. We excerpt from his conclusion:

"First, we wish to apologize for the long delay in sending the Proceedings of the Second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina, and to say that the cause was illness, not serious or acute, but days when the brain would not work, and long nights without sound sleep."

Sir Jacob T. Barron, Grand Commander.

Sir John M. Diven, Grand Recorder.

The Third Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Columbia, S.C., February 10, 1909.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1908

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave was held at Mitchell, June 12, 1908.

The Proceedings contain a Bather portrait of R. E. Sir George A. Pettigrew.

Grand Commandery was duly opened in Masonic Hall in the city of Mitchell, on Friday, June 12, 1908, all the Grand Officers being present, every subordinate Commandery in the State being represented.

The first business after the opening was the presentation of V. E. Sir Jehiel W. Chamberlin, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment and Inspector of the Seventh District, who was officially received and welcomed.

The Grand Commander's Address followed, and is an able report of the transactions of his office during the year. He pays kindly tribute to the departed Sir Knights of the Jurisdiction, and also gives due and kindly mention of those of sister Jurisdictions.

He reports no Decisions or Dispensations, and in conclusion he says that in leaving the position of Grand Commander — an honor greater to him than to be Mayor of his home city or the Governorship of his great State — he assures Grand Commandery that he had appreciated the honor and gives them his assurance that his interest in the Order will not cease.

In the Grand Recorder's report we find that the number of Commanderies is 16 and the membership 1,268.

That the affairs of South Dakota are in good hands is evident by the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, who found no business for consideration. Also the Committee on Grievances found nothing for them to do.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of our esteemed Frater, Samuel H. Jumper, Past Grand Commander, and occupies 105 pages of the volume, it being his thirteenth Annual Report. He opens with a foreword in which he states that he treasures the compliments and kind words and gentle criticism and little whacks, knowing they come from noble, loving hearts, and they are each given in a kindly spirit. From analyzing the Report I am convinced that his foreword covers his feelings in the matter. In his review of the Proceedings of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for 1907, he quotes the remarks of M. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Grand Master, who was present on that occasion, and sets down the Grand Recorder as Sir Benjamin W. *Powell* of Boston. Kindly make it B. W. *Rowell* in the future, my dear Frater Jumper, and I will forgive you. In his conclusion he says he has attempted no discussion of any questions, because they have all been threshed over until there is nothing left to say about them, that he had culled from the several reports that which he thought would be pleasing, interesting and instructive to the few who read these reviews.

Sir Charles W. Adams Mitchell, Grand Commander.

Sir George A. Pettigrew, Grand Recorder.

Sir Samuel H. Jumper, Committee on Correspondence.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Conclave will be held in the city of Watertown, S.D., June 11, 1909.

TENNESSEE, 1909

The Forty-seventh Annual Conclave was held at Nashville, May 19 and 20, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present with the exception of the R. E. Grand Commander, who had departed this life during the year, and the Grand Generalissimo. There were also present nine Past Grand Commanders, eighteen Grand Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, and the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

The V. E. Deputy Grand Commander read a report from which we excerpt the following:

"One year ago standing in your presence I congratulated you and the Order of Knights Templar in Tennessee upon the selection of a genial, kindly and much loved man, a Representative of Nashville Commandery, No. 1, to be your Grand Commander for the ensuing year. Little did I think then that the melancholy duty would, before his term was ended, devolve upon me to announce the passing of that gallant knight, that lovable gentleman, that dear old man to his eternal reward before he had realized the proudest ambition of his Masonic life of presiding over the deliberations of this Grand Body. This vacant chair, clad in its symbol of mourning, tells you the sorrowful story that John C. Kennedy, your R. E. Grand Commander, is no more. On March 17, 1909, he answered the summons of the Grand Captain of our loyal hosts and went with knightly courage and undaunted fortitude to his grave relying with implicit faith upon the unrestrained mercy of his Father in Heaven whom he had served all his life long with sincere devotion and unwavering fidelity. The very first duty falling to me as acting Grand Commander was an order proclaiming your and my loss, and which was as follows."

His Address contains fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

From the Treasurer's Report we find the balance on hand, May 19, 1909, \$4,881.03.

The Grand Recorder's Report shows a membership of 1,396, a net gain for the year of 51.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that

nothing had been brought before them for their attention. This certainly shows a commendable condition of affairs in that Jurisdiction.

The Grand Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions were received by the Acting Grand Commander, his remarks on the occasion being full of good suggestions as to making the office of Grand Representative more profitable to the Order and directed each of them to at once convey to their respective Grand Jurisdictions the Knightly regards of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Henry H. Ingersoll, who courteously reviews Massachusetts and Rhode Island, saying that the volume issued by this Jurisdiction is an elegant report of the Proceedings. From his conclusion we excerpt the following:

"WHAT IS KNIGHT TEMPLARY?"

"This Order is essentially religious — but it is not Jewish nor Parsee, Mohammedan nor Buddhistic. It is Christian and only Christian in its origin, its history, its warfare and its faith. Only Christian men — confessed Christian men — can wear its uniform or enter its fraternity. It is exclusive — a man may become a Mason first and afterwards or never a Christian. Not so of Templary — none may enter its Asylum, and share its honor and privileges, unless he have already the Christian faith.

"Sinner he may be — of course he is; for 'if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.' Church member he need not be, but he must 'not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified and manfully to fight under his banner against sin, the world and the devil,' for such is the Christian warfare.

"The Order was founded and maintained by Christian men for Christian service upon a Christian basis. Its whole life and history was in championship of Christian pilgrims and the Christian religion; and as an Order grafted upon Freemasonry, it is a Christian branch — or nothing. If modern Knight Templary be not Christian in faith, in purpose and in service then its symbols are senseless, its Ritual is ridiculous, its obligations are outlandish, and its celebration of Christmas and Easter and Ascension Days are blasphemous.

"THE TEMPLAR FAITH

"The suggestion that Templary has no faith, or that a creed is rubbish, and a Templar is better off without than with it — whether made in jest or earnest — can find no welcome in a Templar's heart; for 'as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.' A Christendom without faith in the Christ is unthinkable; just as a Christian without a creed is inconceivable. Templars of every age have had a creed — many more than one, as symbols of their faith in Christ. By common consent the Order has accepted as its symbol the simplest form of the Christian confession, the Apostles' Creed; and wherever Templars worship in this land of ours, or in other English-speaking lands, they recite in unison this common faith of Christendom: 'I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.' The first sentence declares the Masonic faith, the last clause is the essential symbol of the Templar. Without that he could never prove himself.

"If his confession cease at the end of the first sentence he is a Mason only, and he may be a follower of Mohammed or Buddha. To be a Templar he must pass on to the second clause and affirm his faith in the risen Lord. Such has been the course from the beginning, and such it will be while Templary endures. Without that creed our Order has no *raison d'être*.

"If we have not this faith, once for all delivered to the saints, the Order and all its Rituals and symbols, its pomp and ceremony are worse than worthless. It should better be dissolved and its members fall back upon the antique faith of Melchisedek and Abraham, and the simpler Ritual and organization of craft Masonry.

"COMMANDERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

"But some of the Mutuels will say — have said: Conceding all that your preachment asserts, why should a Grand Commander be expected to name the name of Christ in his Annual Address, or a Correspondent to repeat his *credo*?

"To show whose servants and soldiers we are, and under whose banner we fight!

"Immanuel has not yet conquered the world, nor put all his enemies under his feet. The war is not ended; the foe has not surrendered. The fight is still on, and if you will only listen you will hear the call to arms. His battle is always on, and He is ever calling to his Sir Knights to come up to help the Lord against the mighty. Stand up and be counted, as do

Democrats or Republicans, when the great quadrennial is being waged. Show your colors and never be ashamed of your Leader. Press on where you see his white plume in the constant war, and peal the Templar cry: 'Hurrah! Huzzah; Immanuel!' Or if heart and voice attune, then sing in loudest chorus the Templar hymn:

'Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!
Christ, our royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See, his banners go!
At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers,
On to victory!'

"Silence and indifference win no victories, and 'business reports' are no substitutes for Annual Addresses by Grand Commanders. The Commanders and leaders of our Order in Annual Conclave assembled want something else beside 'business.' They need something more than 'facts and figures' on such occasions. They are men with souls and sentiment. They rejoice and profit in inspiration and enthusiasm. They love to listen to him who touches their hearts; and from an Annual Conclave, where some thought and attention is given to the soul, they go back to their work with high resolve and noble purpose. If you doubt it or have never experienced it, then take a day off and attend the grand parades at the Michigan, Minnesota, New York or Ohio Conclaves, and see the Knights all marching in solid phalanx and hear the bands all playing, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' and in the tearful eyes and gleaming faces of mere bystanders mark the thrill of rapturous joy which Knights Templars showing their colors and saying their creed can bring even into the hearts of the profane multitudes.

"You're making a mistake, Commander and Mutual, if you think you can hide your light under a bushel and thus enlighten the world. You can't be Christian warriors and never draw a sword. You'll not be taken for Christians, if you never show the cross. You can't obey the Master and never confess his name. You can't prattle in the dialect of Freemasonry and give honor and renown to Knight Templary.

"Let not the follies or nonsense of shallow-pated preachers, such as assert the verbal inspiration of the Bible, deter you

from avowing the faith of the fathers; nor ever suppose that a Templar can give patient hearing to the presumptuous professor of science, who would, forsooth, subject to spectral analyses a widow's tear, a mother's love, a maiden's prayer, a Mason's charity or a Templar's faith!

'For when on Life we're tempest driv'n
A conscience but a canker —
A correspondence fix'd wi' heav'n
Is sure a noble anchor!'

"No better service to Templary can we render in these days of discontent and agitation, of Gargantuan greed and golden calf worship, of sophistical science and smart-alec skepticism, than by standing fast in the faith of the fathers, and quietly confessing Christ before men on all befitting occasions, not lingering by the ancient altars of Israel, but worshipping at the Templar shrine of our Immanuel."

The election of officers resulted in the election of:

Sir Lapsley G. Walker, Grand Commander.

Sir John B. Garrett, Grand Recorder.

Sir Henry H. Ingersoll, Correspondent.

The next Annual Conclave to be held in May, 1910, the place and date to be determined by the Grand Commander.

TEXAS, 1909

The Fifty-sixth Annual Conclave was held at El Paso, April 21 and 22, 1909, and, as usual in this Grand Jurisdiction, public ceremonies of a very interesting character preceded the opening of the Conclave. All the Grand Officers were present with the exception of the Grand Prelate. Six Past Grand Commanders were also present, and the Representatives of thirty-eight constituent Commanderies. Among the distinguished Fraters present we note Sir H. B. Stoddard, Past Grand Commander of Texas, and M. E. Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, who was introduced, and received with the honors due his station. A letter of regret was read from the present M. E. Grand Master,

Henry W. Rugg, conveying his regrets at his inability to be present. Also a letter from V. E. Sir H. Wales Lines, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, and our good friend Frederic Speed, the Grand Recorder of Mississippi.

The first business in order was the Annual Address of the Grand Commander, which is a thorough and comprehensive review of the various transactions of his office during the year, and is an exhibition of his zeal and labor for the good of the Jurisdiction. We excerpt from his conclusion:

"As each day closes we are anticipating and looking forward to the next. Present and future are together with us in thought. So we naturally ask ourselves, 'What of the night?' In the work of the Temple, we can confidently leave the future with those now planning and those to succeed us. We know our forefathers did well and have no reason to doubt but that our successors will be equally successful. If we but do our part the record of the coming days will be as bright as that which we are making."

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"We know that in our Commanderies, in many ways, there has been more and deeper interest than before, and the evidence, in the way of increase, will show in this future we are looking into.

"It has been my good fortune to be associated with officers whose every effort was to render any and every aid possible, and I thank each one for what he has done for me."

The volume contains obituary notices in full of our dear Frater Hugh McCurdy and Reuben H. Lloyd, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, and also of members of their own Jurisdiction, and half-tone portraits of these distinguished Fraters accompany the same.

From the Report of the Grand Treasurer we find the amount now on hand, \$13,474.19.

The Grand Recorder's Report shows a membership January 1, 1909, of 4,635, a net gain of 275 for the year.

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we excerpt the following, relative to the labors and ability of Grand Commander Kidd:

"The great wisdom of our beloved Grand Commander and his familiarity with Templar laws has made our present task an easy one, and he too, as stated in his report, has been fortunate in that most of his rulings have been covered by specific statutes."

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is by R. E. Sir J. C. Kidd, who reported for the Committee. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously remembered by two pages, and the review of the different Grand Jurisdictions contains much that is interesting and we wish that we could devote more time and space to this able review. We excerpt from his conclusion:

"To our Fraters we send fraternal greetings, with thanks for courtesies extended in reviews written and assurances of good will to all.

"The Proceedings of our various Grand Jurisdictions, almost without exception, make favorable record of the doings of the Craft. The abundant prosperity of the Craft shows 'popularity,' and the general information from all parts of our country shows that it has caused new spurious Bodies to spring up, and old ones of that character to exhibit renewed life. We find them in the United States, in England, in Africa and Australia. Not only have those desiring to use the name and popularity of the Order for the purpose of 'putting money in thy purse' organized Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, Consistories, etc., but they have used the name 'Masonic' and 'Templar' attached to all sorts of commercial enterprises, from 'painted plates' to 'life insurance.' Several States have legislated against the use of Emblems, Names, etc. The whole condition warns the Craft to 'look well' to the outer door.

"Our Senior still enjoys health in reasonable measure and joins with us in sending good wishes to our sister Jurisdictions."

The election of officers resulted in the election of
Sir Harry A. Carpenter, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir John C. Kidd, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir Robert M. Elgin, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Conclave will be held in the city of Houston, Texas, April 13, 1910.

VERMONT, 1909

The Sixty-seventh Annual Conclave was held in the city of Burlington, June 8, 1909, all the Grand Officers present, the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies and sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The records of the last Annual Conclave were omitted by order of the R. E. Grand Commander, the same having been printed and distributed.

The Address of the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir George W. Gorham, is a faithful exhibit of his zeal and fidelity in the discharge of his many and varied official duties. He states the Grand Commandery is honored by having with them the Representative of M. E. Grand Master, R. E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Inspector of the Second Templar District. Having been compelled to relinquish the duties of the office of Grand Commander from February 3 to April 27 to the Deputy Grand Commander, he pays fitting tribute to the services rendered by this V. E. Sir Knight, saying that he was a true and courteous Knight, proficient in all forms of Templar work, thoroughly conversant with the Code of Statutes, discharging the duties of his office with rare ability, and he tendered his thanks for the same. He pays fitting tribute to the memory of the former Grand Recorder, Sir Warren G. Reynolds, also E. Sir Collins L. Piper, Past Grand Captain General, who had passed away during the year. He also records that all the Commanderies but one observed Christmas Day with impressive ceremonies. His Dispensations were few in number, and were all granted for Constitutional purposes. He refused to grant one petition to ballot upon a candidate out of time, saying that he is firmly of the opinion that the Grand Commander should never exercise his powers in matters of this kind, unless under the most extraordinary circumstances. We excerpt from his Address the following:

"As true followers of Christ it is our duty to go forward and try and carry out the teachings of our divine Master, 'Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.'

"The Order of Christian Knighthood is a strong and mighty force on the side of truth and righteousness, and it is our duty to see to it that the high and lofty principles of our Order are carried forward to even greater fruition than in the past.

"As long as our Templar Asylums are filled by worthy and high-minded men the progress and development of our Order is assured, and the quickening influence of Christian Knighthood will be felt throughout this nation."

The Committee on Grievances report that nothing had been presented to them for their consideration and were pleased to report that harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Templar dead of their own Jurisdiction and of sister Grand Jurisdictions was passed upon by the Committee on Necrology, who rendered an able report, occupying some eight pages of the Proceedings.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the membership June 1, 1909, is 2,481, making a net gain of 41 for the year.

The Report on Correspondence is by R.:E.:Sir March O. Perkins, Past Grand Commander, in which he ably reviews the Proceedings of the Grand Bodies with the exception of New Mexico, and like all other matters that emanate from his hands, is an able and readable report. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously mentioned, two pages being devoted to the same, in which he says that our review "ably reflects the peace and prosperity throughout the Templar world and displays Knightly courtesy throughout."

Sir Frank D. Dewey, R.:E.:Grand Commander.

Sir Henry H. Ross, E.:Grand Recorder.

Sir Marsh O. Perkins, Correspondent.

The next Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Burlington, on the second Tuesday in June, 1910.

VIRGINIA, 1908

The Eighty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Richmond, October 19, 1908, all the Grand Officers being present. After the usual opening ceremony the Committee

on Credentials reported that all constituent Commanderies were represented, and that there were also present the Representatives of twenty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we fail to find the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Address of the Grand Commander occupies twenty-three pages of the Proceedings, faithfully reviewing the transactions of his office during his incumbency. He says kind things about the Grand Recorder, James B. Blanks, stating that his knowledge of Templar law well qualifies him for the responsible position which he holds in that body, and that he has been a tower of strength to the Grand Commander during his administration.

The Report of the Grand Recorder shows that the membership October 1, 1908, was 2,735, a gain for the year of 172.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows balance of \$1,442.18, and Triennial Fund of \$1,103.31.

No Report on Correspondence.

Sir William C. Stephenson, R.:E.:Grand Commander.

Sir James B. Blanks, E.:Grand Recorder.

R.:E.:Sir James E. Alexander, Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, 1909

The Twenty-second Annual Proceedings, held at Seattle, Wash., June 14, 1909. The Grand Commandery opened in Ample and Knightly form, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by Rev. Sir Knight E. C. McDermoth, Acting Grand Prelate. Roll-call of the Commanderies showed that all were represented. The Committee on Credentials reported that all the Grand Officers were present, nine Past Grand Commanders, and the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

The first business in order was the reading at the head of the lines of the notices sent out by Grand Encampment of the deaths of M.:E.:Sirs Hugh McCurdy, Reuben H. Lloyd and Henry L. Palmer.

This was followed by the reception of M.:E.:Sir Stephen

Court, Past Preceptor of Victoria, B.C., and a member of the Great Priory of Canada, who was introduced and welcomed and conducted to a seat in the East.

The Grand Commander's Address followed in which he says that throughout the Jurisdiction harmony prevails, and prosperity is manifest by the goodly increase in membership. His Decisions were few in number and were all in accordance with Constitutional law. We note he granted Dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions at a Stated Conclave, also to ballot upon four petitions in less than statutory time. He also refused to grant a Dispensation for an application to be balloted upon out of statutory time for the purpose of qualifying the petitioner to join the Shrine. In his reply among other things he says:

"An applicant who makes a stepping-stone of the Orders of Knighthood to achieve a certain purpose, no matter how laudable that purpose may be, subordinates the Order. The sacred character of the Orders of Knighthood, clothed as they are with the beauties of tradition, history and sentiment, must have little meaning to those who seek them only as a means of securing for themselves some supposedly advanced Masonic standing."

And in the above sentiment we heartily concur with R. E. Sir Shaw. Having been asked the question, "What is the Masonic meaning of being a believer in the Christian religion?" R. E. Sir Shaw responded as follows, and we excerpt the same:

"During my incumbency I have on several occasions been asked the question as to 'what is the Masonic meaning of being a believer in the Christian religion.' It is a question which in time past has probably forced itself to the minds of hundreds, when applying for the Orders of Knighthood, a question the meaning of which is too often slightly or lightly considered and left unsatisfactorily explained. And yet it is a question deeply affecting, in my judgment, the future of the Rite, and should be answered to the satisfaction of ourselves as well as a large group of the Masonic brethren, who feel the liberal interpretation they put upon the word 'Christianity' is in conflict with the requirements of Knighthood.

"I should not attempt to promulgate a certain set doctrine to

be followed. I would rather believe that to vow allegiance to and belief in the Christian religion means more than any definition of orthodoxy or heterodoxy. It is something else than an alignment on the question of Trinitarianism or Unitarianism. It is not an attempt to enforce any set view as to who or what Jesus of Nazareth was. It is simply a recognition that the finest ideals, the highest aspirations, the noblest altruism, have been fulfilled in him.

"With the finer theological definitions of Christianity I believe Masonry cannot afford to meddle. Every man interprets those for himself. Templary has nothing to do with creeds or dogmas, recognizes no sects and enforces no peculiar tenets of doctrine to which its candidates must give their assent. When it asks its prospective Knights to swear allegiance to and belief in the 'Christian religion,' it does so only in that spirit of the immortal Tennyson, who wrote:

"Our little systems have their day,
They have their day and cease to be;
They are but broken lights of Thee,
And thou, O Lord, art more than they."

Concluding his report he says that he has endeavored "to act and speak as far as in me lies for the best interest of Templary, whether affecting this or other Jurisdictions," and we are of the opinion that he faithfully lived up to his convictions.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the membership is now 1,624, a gain for the year of 192.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Yancey C. Blalock and occupies 116 pages of the Proceedings. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously mentioned, two pages and a half being devoted to the same.

R. E. Sir Ira M. Swartz, Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Twenty-third Annual Conclave to be held in Tacoma, Wash., June 29 and 30, 1910.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1909

The Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave was held in the Asylum of Calvary Commandery, No. 3, in the city of Parkersburg, Wednesday, May 19, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present,

eleven Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

Immediately after the appointment of Committees, the Grand Commander delivered his Address, which occupies seven pages, and is an able summary of the affairs of his office during the year. Dispensations were few in number, and were duly approved. He made no Decisions.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand in the general fund of \$4,767.87, and a Triennial Fund of \$1,686.20, making a total of \$6,454.08.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the membership at date was 2,906, a gain of 197.

Following the Report of the Grand Recorder was the reception of the Grand Representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions, twenty-eight of whom were received and cordially welcomed, but we fail to find the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island among the number.

Past Grand Commander Willard J. Rowland, who was sick with typhoid fever, was kindly remembered by a telegram of sympathy to be sent by the Grand Recorder.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology was then rendered, in which they recommend that the same be given suitable place in the printed Proceedings. It contains full and kindly mention of the Masonic history and doings of the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Walling W. Van Winkle, and occupies 130 pages of the Proceedings. Forty-one of the Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed, also the Grand Master's *ad interim* report to the Grand Encampment and the Grand Priory of Canada,—the Proceedings of Montana, New Mexico, Virginia, England and Wales not having been received. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives a courteous review of four pages. Grand Recorder Rowell is complimented by the remark that he has presented another of his elaborate and instructive reports accompanied by tabulated statistics. Commenting upon our first Report on Correspondence he says we "need not be abashed as our ability is well known, and that our Report is all that we say for it, a

plain, honest, fair and courteous review," for which he has our heartfelt thanks. We excerpt the following from his conclusion:

"It is with a feeling of relief that the last milestone in our reviewing journey is reached, however much we enjoyed the trip. It is indisputable we derived pleasure meeting along the road our fellow correspondents of longer or shorter acquaintance and service, and a few for the first time. We enjoyed meeting them and their company while with them. It was labor, hard labor, but we enjoyed it, buoyed with the hope that our work may impart to our fraters information of interest and value of Templar transactions in the Order everywhere."

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"There is much drudgery in writing these reports. If it could be removed, the work would be pleasanter. We do not, however, accept it as a task to be done in a perfunctory way, but to read carefully, cull with discrimination, and present to our readers the best there is in the Proceedings of the Knights Templar Grand Bodies. We hope we have succeeded."

R. E. Sir William T. Rittenhouse, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Francis E. Nichols, Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir Walling W. Van Winkle, Correspondent.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Sistersville, the third Wednesday in May, 1910.

WISCONSIN, 1908

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave was convened in the Asylum of Robert Macoy Commandery, Masonic Temple, at Madison, Wis., Tuesday morning, October 13, 1908, at 10.00 o'clock, all the Grand Officers being present except the Grand Warder. Among the pleasing events of the opening of the Conclave was the reception of M. E. Sir Henry L. Palmer, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and the first Grand Commander of Wisconsin, and David H. Wright, the first Grand Prelate, who were received and formally welcomed.

The first business was the appointment of a Committee on

Credentials, and then followed the Address of the Grand Commander, which is an interesting and able document. We excerpt the following:

"Assembled as we are today by the grace of God, in this, our Fiftieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin, permit me to offer my sincere greetings and congratulations upon the successful fulfillment of this happy event, and I take pleasure in extending a most hearty welcome to our invited guests and to every member of this Grand Body.

"We are rounding out the first cycle of the history of our existence, and I ask your indulgence while I transgress for a moment and cast a retrospective glance at our past history.

"On Thursday evening, the 20th day of October, A.D. 1859, A.O. 741, by notice of the authority of the M.E. Sir Benjamin Brown French, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America, there assembled, agreeable to a call from the Eminent Commanders in the State of Wisconsin, in the Asylum of Robert Macoy Commandery, No. 3, in the city of Madison, the Representatives of three Commanderies having a total membership of only 111 Sir Knights, and proceeded to form the Grand Commandery of the State of Wisconsin.

"Truly history repeats itself, and, Sir Knights, I cannot at this time permit the opportunity to pass without referring to an event which is probably unparalleled in the chronicles of Templarism in the United States. It is forty-nine years ago that these valiant Templars met in the Asylum of Robert Macoy Commandery, No. 3, and proceeded to organize this Grand Commandery.

"Forty-nine years ago these same Templars requested Sir Henry L. Palmer to preside over the special Convention, consisting of the officers of the three Commanderies then in the State of Wisconsin, and Sir David H. Wright, as Prelate, led in the usual devotional exercises at the opening and closing of the Conclave.

"Today, through a divine Dispensation, they are graciously permitted still to be in our midst and I take pleasure at this time to ask the two Sir Knights to honor the Fiftieth Conclave of this Grand Commandery and resume the stations which they occupied during the inception of this Grand Body. This organization, which has prospered and thrived under their careful guidance, has become a prominent factor of the Grand Encampment of the United States, of which it has the honor to be a member.

"Sir Knights, words fail me at this time. We may in the

future be enthused by the glories of a thousand sunrisings, or awed by the beauties of a thousand sunsets, yet the memories of this day should remain indelibly impressed upon your minds."

The Address contains Necrological list of the honored dead of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. He granted one Dispensation to ballot upon a candidate out of statutory time. In his Address is a letter from the Grand Master relative to the interpretation of the Ritual, which is given almost in full, with the exception of words and responses. In the opinion of the writer this matter should have been left out of the Proceedings, especially that part which relates to pages 76 and 98 of the Ritual.

Applications were received for Dispensations for two Commanderies, one to be located at Delavan and the other at Viroqua, Wis.

In the matter of Foreign Correspondence we excerpt from his Address:

"It seems to me that it is due our Foreign Correspondent to draw the attention of the Sir Knights to the beautiful lessons which may be learned by carefully studying the excerpts submitted from the Proceedings and Addresses of the Jurisdictions reviewed.

"After months of perusal and preparation to submit in a concise form the noblest thoughts and the highest ideals of the Templars of the civilized world, it appears to me that these excerpts are worthy of more than a single perusal by our members.

"While each and every Sir Knight may have the opportunity to read them, yet it is a fact that they do not, for the reason that very few are aware of the existence of such a publication as the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and if so they do not know its true contents.

"I am of the firm opinion that if extracts at times were read when Commanderies were not over-burdened with work — that they would be very much enjoyed and prove profitable to the members and redound to the credit of Templarism. I would, therefore, suggest the appointment of a committee to whom the following question should be referred: 'How may the Foreign Correspondence be utilized so as best to subserve our interest?' and have them report at the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery."

Also the following excerpt from his conclusion is worthy of note:

"Sir Knights, it would be presumptuous on my part in any way to remind you of your duty. Duty is the highest obligation of Masonry; it is the foundation of our faith. A Sir Knight who has passed through the various stations and presided over the destinies of a Commandery knows the lesson and knows it well. Brotherly love, truth and right; the defence of the weak and those wronged by the great and powerful; swayed neither by fear nor favor, — these are our commands, the dogmas of our faith. Duty, love and kindness must be innate. The will to exercise these Christian virtues must be developed within us.

"No words of mine need spur you on. Then let us press forward to victory with faith undaunted, and ever remember the words of our deceased Frater, Eugene S. Elliott:

"To fight the fight for Right, for Truth, for God, nor yield our swords, nor lay our armor down while foe remains, till victory is won and our Commander's plaudit is assured!"

From the Report of the Grand Recorder we find that the membership September 30, 1908, was 4,139, a net gain for the year of 204.

The Grand Trustees report that the Fund was \$7,403.16.

From the Report of the Committee on Necrology we excerpt the following:

"Do you think that I fear you, good man Death?
Then, Sire, you do not know.
For your grim white face and your frosty breath
Bring naught to me but a signal of love,
My Father sent you, He dwelleth above,
And I am ready to go.

"The Battle is over and we have won.
Perhaps you did not know
That just tonight the setting sun
Saw the turning of the foe.
If you had come in the thick of the fray,
I might not have wanted to turn away;
Now I am ready to go.

"Please steady me into your little boat.
Your arm — yes, thank you — there,
I think when we are well afloat
I'll sleep, if you do not care.
If I'm not awake when we reach the shore,
Tell Father I stayed till the battle was o'er,
And tried to do my share."

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was submitted by E. Sir Nathan C. Griffin, and occupies 139 pages of the Proceedings, and, like all others from this Jurisdiction, is an able document. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous notice by five pages.

E. Sir William H. Webb, Grand Commander.

E. Sir William W. Perry, Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Nathan C. Griffin, Correspondent.

The Fifty-first Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Ashland, Tuesday, October 12, 1909.

WYOMING, 1909

The Twenty-second Annual Conclave, held in the city of Rawlins, April 7, 1909, all the Grand Officers being present with the exception of the Grand Junior Warden and the Grand Sword Bearer. There were present six Past Grand Commanders, the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies and eighteen Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, Massachusetts and Rhode Island not being represented.

Following the Report of the Committee on Credentials the Annual Address of the Grand Commander was in order. This is a brief document, occupying two and one-half pages of the Proceedings.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance on hand of \$668.76.

From the Report of the Grand Recorder we find the present membership is 522, a gain for the year of four.

No Grievances or Appeals were reported by that Committee, which shows the harmonious condition of the Jurisdiction.

The Committee on Necrology rendered their report, giving kindly mention of the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

An Amendment to the By-Laws was duly proposed and unanimously adopted, that,

"Before a Companion of the Red Cross shall have conferred upon him the Orders of the Temple and Malta he shall obtain a regulation uniform, or shall deposit a sufficient sum of money with the Recorder of the Constituent Commandery to secure

the same, provided, however, that officers of the Regular Army and Navy and ministers of the Gospel are not subject to the above requirements."

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Adrian J. Parshall, Past Grand Commander, and the same is a review of all the Proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions excepting Arizona, New Mexico and Virginia. Frater Parshall writes a readable and interesting review, criticizing where required, and commenting whenever and wherever he sees proper to make a point. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives due notice, in which he says that the Grand Commander of this great Jurisdiction seems to have performed his whole duty. Relative to our Report he says:

"It requires no little courage on the part of any Sir Knight, even with the training and experience of Brother Rowell, to take up the story where one so distinguished as our Grand Master left off."

He further states he did not desire to make comparisons of the quality of the two reports as it would not be fair to do so, saying that our Grand Master had no superior as an exponent of the dignified, courteous and learned school of reviewers. He also says we need make no apologies as we had prepared a report, which, as a review, is comprehensive and complete. He says he enjoys frequent comment and expression of personal opinion to a greater extent than he finds in our initial production, but perhaps we do not, and he is just right in his statement. It is our opinion that they should be confined strictly to transcript of the transactions held by the Grand Jurisdictions which may be instructive and interesting to the Fraters of our own Jurisdiction who may read the same. The matter of personal opinion or personal ideas relative to matters that transpire in the Grand Bodies does not in our opinion, to use a homely phrase, "cut any ice" in the matter of giving to the Fraters of our own Jurisdiction the information that a review is supposed to convey.

Frater Parshall has my warmest fraternal thanks for his kindly remembrance. There are many things that he writes about in his review that we should like to excerpt or pass upon, but space and time forbid.

Sir Jesse Converse, Grand Commander.

Sir Adrian J. Parshall, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

CONCLUSION

The Reports of the forty-three Grand Commanderies have passed through our hands, and if the brief gleanings we have presented from them give but one tithe of the pleasure to those to whom they are presented, which we have derived in their perusal, we shall be satisfied.

From these various reports we are led to believe that peace and prosperity prevail, and almost universal harmony exists in our Order throughout the entire country. Our laws are now generally understood, and we find but little in the acts of our Fraters to criticize. We find but little legislation outside the usual routine reports and elections, and this we look upon as the best evidence of a healthy condition.

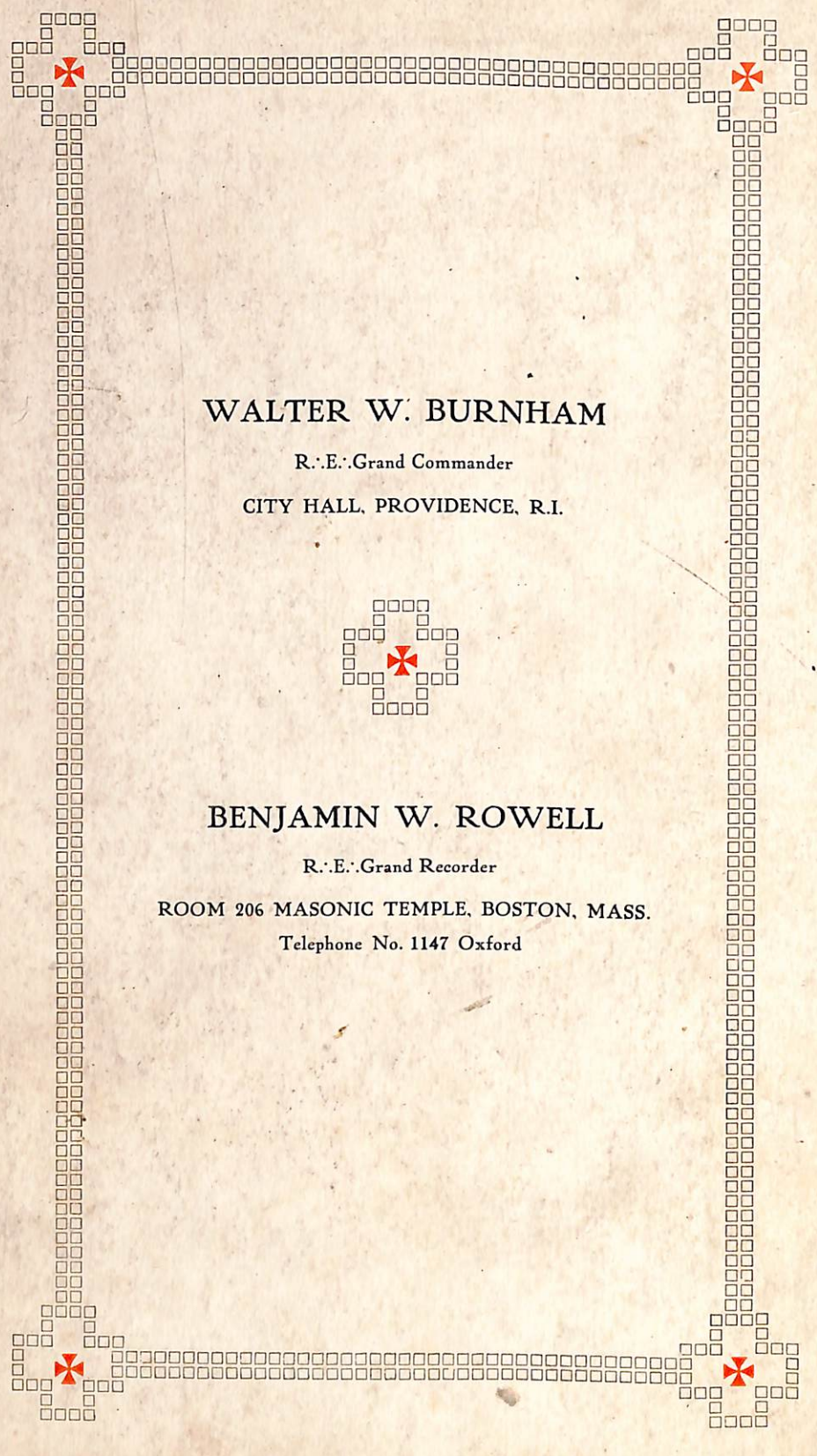
These reports contain an unusual amount of pleasant reading as well as useful information, and pleasant allusions to ourself, and we beg to tender to all our warmest thanks for the same.

In all of these Proceedings there are many things we would have gladly noticed, but amid all the bright sayings which we have read it is impossible to tell which is the brightest, and so, taking a saying here and there, we have endeavored in our humble way to give some idea of the bright lights among our Templar hosts.

Our task is done, — and we could wish it were better done, and that this Grand Body could have been made better acquainted with the sayings and doings of our sister Jurisdictions.

Courteously and fraternally yours,





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